Mubarak warning of Gulf 'explosion'

Bush runs out of patience with 'brutal' Saddam

By Susan Ellicott in Washington and Michael Evans

PRESIDENT Bush said last night that he had "had it" with the brutal treatment of Americans by President Saddam

He voiced his exasperation as President Mubarak of Egypt gave a warning that the confrontation in the Gulf could explode at any moment. A British commander and a former Saudi minister also indicated that war was increasingly likely.

Iraq said that it was prepared for a "major confrontation" and was on alert for any attack, but its ambassador to Washington again called for a negotiated settlement and said he wanted to avoid bloodshed.

Even as talk of war echoed around the Gulf yesterday, the search for a peaceful solution continued. Mr Bush said he still intended for now to follow diplomatic efforts to drive President Saddam out of Kuwait, and King Husain of Jordan resumed his shuttle diplomacy in talks with the Sultan of Oman.

The Soviet special envoy, Yevgeni Primakov, who has just returned home after his second visit to Baghdad in a

Prince back in public eye

The Prince of Wales carried out his first official engage-ment for 87 days yesterday. He has been out of the public eye since breaking his right arm in a fall from his polo

pony in June. When asked by a reporter bout his beauth he replied: What an original question. If

Vote on dogs

The Lords vesterday rejected the third Tory backbench amendment this session for setting up a national register for Britain's 7.3 million

DoT investigates

The Department of Trade has sent investigators into London United Investments, the crashed insurance group, to examine the payment of up to \$100 million in reinsurance commissions to three Liechtenstein and German-based __ Page 27

Harvey goes



Colin Harvey, the manager of Everton football club, was dismissed yesterday because

RSC options

Is the Royal Shakespeare Company justified in leaving the Barbican this Saturday? A survey by The Times's drama critics explores the other options open to the company, and the mistakes that led to the controversy Page 22

Lord Caccia dies

Lord Caccia, the former British ambassador to Vienna and Washington and Provost of Eton, died yesterday, aged 84. He was the first head of the new unified diplomatic ser-... Obituary, Page 16

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month, said that he thought lish good relations with the President Saddam was becom- United States." ing more open to a political ever, said that Mr Primakov's mission had produced no clear results. He rejected President Gorbachev's call for an emergency Arab summit, saying that without anything specific

would degenerate into "a sum-

Mr Mubarak responded to fears that war was imminent by sending his foreign minister to Jedda for urgent talks with the Saudi and Syrian foreign ministers. But he also adopted a more conciliatory tone to Baghdad when he said that Egypt was willing to help lraq in negotiations about its dispute with Kuwait after a

Mr Bush's growing impatience was evident when he spoke to reporters in Alexandria, Virginia. He complained



cans at the embassy in Kuwait and said: "What am I going to do about it? Let's just wait and see. I have had it with that kind of treatment of Ameri-cons. Our people inside are being starved by a brutal dictator. Do you think I'm concerned about it? You're darn right I am."

inside the compound are deteriorating. Mr Bush has been alarmed by reports from returning hostages of atrocpied Kuwait. "I am concerned about the lives of Americans," the president said, adding that he wanted the American pub-"to understand how

strongly I feel about the brutality of Saddam Hussein". But the Iraqi ambassador to force the Iraqis out." Washington, Mohamad Sadiq al-Mashat, told a news conference that the plight of American diplomats in Kuwait was "an American problem". He hoped American leaders "will listen to the voices of reason and will not heed those who are calling for a quick and devastating military strike. We seek to avoid

bloodshed. We'd like to estab-

James Baker, the American Secretary of State, and Richard Cheney, the defence secretary, have reiterated this week that military action has not been ruled out, but the White House Chief of Staff, television interview: "The president continues to be patient. I think this president is still committed to making sure he does everything on the diplomatic front to avoid

hostilities ' Back in Washington, Mr Bush said that Mr Baker's forthcoming tour of the Mid-die East and Europe would be "very important". He added: "We'll be talking about all kinds of alternatives and doing everything we can to see that no stone is left unturned in determining how we imment the UN resolutions." Mr Baker leaves for Bahrain on Saturday, and will also visit Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Turkey, France and Britain. His tour will include a meeting with his Soviet counterpart, Eduard Shevardnadze, in Europe tomorrow week. The White House has denied that Mr Baker intends to discuss a possible timetable for military action, but the administra-tion's recent focus on the plight of American hostages has raised speculation that it might consider the severe treatment of the captives sufficient provocation for an on the grounds that Panamanian troops had illegally

harmed American citizens. The Pennson is preparin to send as many as 100,000 more American troops to the Middle East to back up the 210,000 already there, and yesterday the home-based commander of the British forces in the Gulf said the 7th The American embassy has Armoured Brigade would be had power and water supplies fully operational for an offencut off and officials conditions sive campaign by the middle

Air Chief Marshal Sir Patrick Hine said: "It is looking increasingly unlikely that ities being committed in occu- Saddam Hussein will withdraw unconditionally from Kuwait. Once 7th Armoured Brigade complete their intheatre work-up, we will be ready fully to support offensive operations should a political decision be taken to

Sir Patrick's tough state-ment was matched by the intense activity in the reinforced concrete operational bunker at RAF High Wycombe from which he spoke. The bunker is the nerve centre for Operation Granby, Brit-Continued on page 26, col 1

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Drug agency enquiry on Lockerbie bomb

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

Drug Enforcement Adminkilling 270 people, were being investigated last night.

It has been suggested that terrorists infiltrated an undercover anti-drug smuggling operation and placed a bomb instead of heroin in a DEA shipment. An announcement

CLAIMS that an undercover of the result of the enquiry is operation by the United States expected this week. The DEA is thought to be investigating istration was used to carry the the suggestion that Khalid bomb which blew up Pan Am Jafaar, aged 21. a Lebanescflight 103 over Lockerbie, American student from Detroit, may have been tricked into taking the bomb. Last night Pan Am in New York had no comment on the claim. made by the National Broadcasting Corporation.

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Patten plan to keep poll tax down attacked

By PHILIP WERSTER AND DOUGLAS BROOM

were unveiled by the governbig cuts in council services.

Chris Patten, the environkeeping the average poll tax bill below the sensitive level of £400 in the run-up to the general election.

Some big-spending councils

which increase their budgets by sums well below inflation could still be capped if they exceed the government's assment of reasonable spending according to criteria denounced as "draconian" by

the Labour party.
Mr Patten told MPs that the average poll tax next year should not be much higher than £380, after this year's average of £357. The Audit Commission disclosed meanwhile that one in ten people community charge bills.

rules in advance, Mr Patten is hoping to deter councils from fimits. If they did so they teria are: would be volunteering for capping, he told MPs.

But Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, declared that the announcement meant that every poll tax bill next year would have the government's

fingerprints on it. As expected, Mr Patten announced that the business rate next year would rise in line with the current inflation figure of 10.9 per cent, taking it up from 34.8p to 38.6p, bringing fierce complaints from business organisations. The CBI said the new business rate would add all billion to

greatest friends to save his

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OWN CAFEER.

STRINGENT capping powers business costs next year. John designed to keep next year's Banham, the director general, community charge increases below the rate of inflation kind of inflationary own goal said: This is precisely the kind of inflationary own goal that should be avoided. The ment yesterday and immed government cannot expect to intely provoked predictions of be taken seriously if it fails to

practise what it preaches."

The government's determ ment secretary, announced an ination to hold down council array of measures aimed at spending brings nearer the authorities which are being urged to challenge ministers if

John MacGregor, the edu-cation secretary, said that £17.5 billion in central grant announced yesterday would be spent on schools, an increase of 16 per cent. He said it would help "lever up" standards.

Mr Patten won an extra £ billion from the Treasury to

The new formula for judg ing whether capping is nec-essary will include a comparison between next year's and this year's budgets. The cri-

• Any rise of more than 9 per cent over last year's budget the council.

Any rise of more than 7 per cent will be considered excesper cent above the SSA. Any rise of more than 5 per cent will be considered excescent over the SSA. This means inflation could still be capped.

Any budget more than 12.5. er cent over the SSA will be

considered excessive. The 250 or more councils tricts, will continue to be exempt from capping.

Mr Patten said the rise in the business rate should ensure the burden on business would remain broadly the

Mr Gould asked why people should pay any more attention to Mr Patten's estimate of £380 than they had to his assurance that this year's bill would average just £278.

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offer rejected

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE government yesterday rejected a "serious" proposal from the TUC for joint discussions with employers and Conservative ministers on pay, productivity and related issues in the wake of entry to the exchange-rate mechanism. The rejection of the TUC's offer by Michael Howard, employment secretary, prompted even moderate union leaders to say that without such talks they would

have no choice but to seek pay

settlements which were at least in line with inflation. The TUC's offer was made at a meeting of the National Economic Development Council, the only body at which the government, employers and unions discuss the economy. In addition to a document prepared for the meeting that the unions would accept their responsibilities to avoid the job loss costs of ERM entry provided the gov-ernment and employers

would, too, Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, tabled what he called a serious proposal for formal talks. Mr Willis said that the TUC wanted "a top-level group to of the effects of European integration and the ERM"
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Haughey back from the brink as Lenihan goes

Progressive Democrats, Fail could have sewn the seeds

stayed in the government to for a leadership challenge on

THE 15-month coalition government of Charles Haughey, the Irish prime minister, came within minutes of collapse last night before being saved by the dramatic sacking of his

deputy, Brian Lenihan. After a day of extraordinary uncertainty and tension which saw a no-confidence debate in the Dail - defeated by the government 83-80 - riven with insults traded on all sides, Mr Lenihan, defence minister and Fianna Fail presidential candidate, was dismissed from his cabinet posts by Mr Haughey, with whom he has worked for 30

It was a step which Mr Haughey was forced to take, with the reluctant backing of his party, to ensure that the junior coalition partners, the

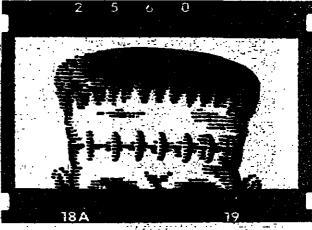


maintain its majority in par- Mr Hanghey. His detractors liament of just one. For much were openly accusing him of of the day, however, it looked having sacrificed one of his as if a general election was the greatest friends to save his only outcome as the "Dublingate" affair reached a more exciting climax than even the best political thriller Mr Lenihan is alleged to have lied on live television last week about his role in

telephone calls made to the residence of the president in January 1982 during an earlier constitutional crisis. At that time three Figure Fail front benchers, including Mr Haughey, attempted to per-suade Patrick Hillery, the outgoing president, to allow a transfer of power to Mr Haughey without calling a general election after the unexpected collapse of a Fine Gael/Labour coalition.

Yesterday Mr Lenihan continued to hold fast, refusing to resign or to turn up to two tense Fianna Fail parliamentary party meetings. It was clear that his relationship with Mr Hanghey, who evi-dently wanted to avoid an election at all costs, was under immense strain. It is thought that Mr Leniban's family, led by his sister, Mary O'Rourke, the education minister, were insisting that he alone should not take all the blame for an episode in which Mr Haughey also played a key role. Then was speculation that the trauma inflicted on Fianna

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Delors: witty titles were

By NICK NUTTALL TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

EVA and FLAIR, not exactly household names but celebrities in the research and development community, are to be unceremoniously bumped off on the orders of Jacques Delors, the European Commission's president. The pair, it has emerged, have attracted ribaldry and

abuse from insensitive journalists. When EVA, the European search for an Aids vaccine, comes to an end in 1992 she will be replaced by something that sounds more worthy. Flair - Food Linked Agro-Industrial Research awaits a similiar fate.

"The witty acronym department is being closed. The names have been mocked by the press. Personally I thought they were good for publicity," said Charles White, an official with the EC's directorate generale X11, at a

Delors Ejects Lots Of Ridiculed Sobriquets meeting yesterday in London of academics, industrialists, government and com-mission officials held to discuss new community-wide collaborative research

After 1992 all the Brussels acronyms will be replaced and all new ones have been cancelled in favour of more serious sounding, or fuller, titles. BEP and BAP, the Pinky and Perky of the community's biotechnology projects, have already been phased out in favour of BRIDGE, Biotechnology Research for Innovation Development and Growth in Europe. Now they are struggling to find a less catchy name which can still fit on one side of A4.

The exact nature of the editorial cracks which have annoyed M Delors remains unclear. It is possible that developments from FAST. Forecasting and Assessment of Science and Technology, have been a little slow. Or that those

from ECLAIR, the European Collabo-rative Linkage of Agriculture and Industry through Research, may have turned sour. There have been suggestions that even

the Brussel's bureaucrats in the witty acronym department were becoming mentally exhausted at the sheer pace of new projects coming on stream. Some EC officials fear, however, that the new names, through translation, may be more open to ridicule than those they replace. The community's science pro-

gramme, for example, was known by the name STIMULATION. The commission could not understand why proposals from academics and industrialists in Denmark had been so low for it. Realisation dawned when it was pointed out by a polite Danish official that stimulation; translated into his mother tongue, spelt something more suited to Bangkok than to Brussels.

Ministers fly from around the world for dogfight that never was



By SHEILA GUNN POLITICAL REPORTER

FIVE Commons ministers flew back to Britain at public expense yesterday, four of them from other continents, to guarantee the govemment's success in the final round of the great dogs' rebellion. In the event their presence proved unnecessary. Fears of upsetting the elected chamber led the Lords to reject the third Tory backbench amendment this session for setting up a national register for Britain's 7.3 million

Conservative whips demanded the return of the ministers in case the Lords again voted for Lord Stanley of Alderley's amendment

for a register, leading to a further vote in the Commons in the closing minutes of the session.

Tim Eggar, the education minister, barely had time to unpack in Barbados where he was due to attend a Commonwealth education conference, before being ordered back to Britain, He intends returning to the

He said last night: "I left Gatwick at 10.45 on Tuesday morning and arrived back here at 9.45am today, so I spent 23 hours in the air except for one-and-ahalf hours in Barbados. I did reflect on the importance of

minister, was brought back from Japan. Lynda Chalker, minister for overseas development, flew in from Brazil, William Waldegrave, the foreign office minister, cut short a visit to Algiers and the Northern Ireland minister, Brian Mawhinney, returned from the province in case the government needed to marshal the full complement of Commons ministers to

see off registration. In addition a visit by the home affairs select committee to Manchester was cancelled because of the three-line whip.

A total of 74 Tory peers, who had not taken part in the first dog vote in the Lords, were whipped

Ian Lang, the Scottish Office in to support the government, They can claim travelling and living expenses. The number of Tory rebels in the Lords was 26.

The final voting record on dogs this session reads: the first Commons vote against registration failed by 12 votes; the first Lords vote in favour by 72 votes; a second Commons vote against failed by three votes, and a second Lords vote against registration failed by 19 votes.

After observing the death throes of the dog registration dispute from the steps of the throne in the Lords, the government's chief whip, Tim Renton, said: "We were in danger of losing the environmental protection bill and with it a lot of sensible measures. We did not want to lose it."

"This is the cost of democracy. Whether it was justified in bringing people back - ask Lord Stanley," Mr Renton said.

By comparison, Lord Denham. the government's chief whip in the Lords and a cousin of the rebels' leader Lord Stanley, did not resort to heavy whipping of Tory peers in case, once in the upper House, they voted against

Gavin Grant, for the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, said last night: "Naturally it is disappointing, but it shows no reduction in the support for registration in the

Lords or for the principles of registration. It was apparent from the speeches made on the floor that individuals who support registration felt they could not return the bill to the Commons for fear about the constitutional position of the Lords and for fears about the future of the bill itself. We had clearly failed to satisfy them on that. But I think it does demonstrate that this issue will

The Labour MP Tony Banks tabled a question last night to find out the cost of bringing back the

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Councils strapped for cash as millions default on poll tax

refusing to pay the poll tax, six months after its introduction, and councils have received only two-thirds of the income they would have expected

under the rating system.
A survey published yesterday by the Audit Comof tough action by councils against defaulters, one in ten of the 37 million charge payers in England had still paid nothing by last Friday.

rating system would have (70 per cent) of their rate income by October, had recovered just under half (48 per cent) of the money due that you would expect to see report said. Two-thirds of year of any new tax system." them had been forced to borrow money to make up the shortfall in spite of changes to the grant system designed to regulations to councils and

give councils more money criticised the "poor performance" of software com-Howard Davies, controller panies who sold poll tax of the commission, said that borrowing combined with

non-payment would force up poll tax bills next year by up to 20 per cent. The study preterday by the Audit Com-mission showed that in spite payers would be taken to court to recover poll tax arrears. As well as being more

difficult to administer, the poll tax cost more to collect, £12 a head compared with £5 for Councils, which under the rates, the commission said. "From the point of view of received more than two-thirds collection costs there is no doubt that rates were a more efficient tax," Mr Davies said. "But you have to remember from poll tax payers, the some problems in the first

He blamed the government

First warrant sales loom in Scotland

THE first warrant sales to to make ends meet. The region also proving far harder than recover community charge yesterday dropped its at-anticipated. In London the debts are expected to take tempts to seize university and average turnover of populaplace in Scotland within two weeks, the leader of Strathclyde regional council said fused to pay the tax. Council leaders and their

About 200,000 cases of non- advisers decided it was not tion of the business rate was payment have been passed to worth the effort or expense progressing better than the sheriff officers acting for the after Malcolm Rifkind, the poll tax with receipts at or regional council, which is Scottish secretary, said the near target. It was also much owed almost £70 million in move would be illegal and cheaper to collect at 6p in the unpaid poll tax bills from last challenged the region to take pound for administration. months of this financial year.

Charles Gray, council leader, said that the tax had been are clearly at a new low. Mr out what we have been saying. proved to be virtually un- Gray said that his council had collectable from people who either could not or would not sale to recover domestic rates. trolled Association of Metropay. With only an 85 per cent payment level, the council would have to cut services and collect 99 per cent because of lav off staff, and Strathclyde was already budgeting for a 2 behaved. There are fires being per cent cutback next year, a lit in this country over the poll saving of at least £42 million. tax that will never be put out."

collection systems to councils.

The survey, of 35 councils in England and Wales, showed that moves by councils to take non-payers to court over the past two months had led to a sharp increase in the number of people paying the tax. The proportion of people who had paid nothing fell from one in six at the end of August to one in ten by last Friday.

However, almost a quarter of Londoners have yet to pay anything. Non-payment in the Labour-controlled Borough of Haringey is running at 42 per cent. In shire districts 92 per cent of residents had made at least one payment compared with 88 per cent in metropolitan areas and 78 per cent in London. Mr Davies said: The general message is that the community charge system is beginning to work in most places. But some places have serious problems.

The study, the most authoritative yet produced, noted that the workload on council finance departments had more than doubled. Maintaining the register of poll tax payers was college tuition fees from up to tion was between 45 and 50 1,000 students who have re- per cent of the names on the poli tax register.

The study found that collec-

Relations between Strath- ment said last night: "The clyde and the Scottish Office commission's findings bear never held a single warrant the charge." The Labour-con-"Never will we get back to a politan Authorities said the report showed that the poll tax collection was more expensive than refuse collection.

The Administration of the Com-munity Charge (Audit Com-mission, Stationery Office, £6)

Tunnel contact right on target

By MICHAEL DYNES

AS the inhabitants of the United Kingdom began to adjust to the idea that Britain is no longer an island, Channel tunnel engineers an-nounced that the two-inch probe which linked the two tunnel sections on Tuesday was "less than the width of a handkerchief off target".

Driving the two giant tunnel boring machines under the English Channel, which included moving up and down and from side to side to keep within the meandering soft chalk strata, and arriving a few inches from target "was a spectacular engineering schievement," John Hamlen, spokesman for manche Link, said.

The two-inch bore hole was spotted at about 7.30pm by a team of French tunnelers, led by Phillippe Dumond. The celebrations were marred, however, when an undereround train carrying surveyors to the breakthrough point collided with a stationary train, resulting in a number of

minor injuries. The surveyors had been sent to the tunnel face to analyse the information collected by an optical sensor, inserted into the bore hole, which contains data needed service tunnel breakthrough.

Work began yesterday on dismantling the 400-tonne French tunnel boring machine, known as Brigitte. The British boring machine will be started up and swung round alongside its French counterpart, where it is to be entombed in concrete because it would be too expensive to bring it to the surface.

excavating the man-sized passage between the two tunnel sections, with construction Irish, and Australian construcinvolved in excavating the scheduled for completion in tion workers on the British Channel tunnel were now



Breakthrough: an engineer on the French side checking the hole made by the probe

mony will be held in January, being built in Denmark. when Margaret Thatcher and President Mitterrand will construction workers for linklink the two countries. With Alistair Morton, deputy chairtunnel, most of the 80 English, awesome construction risks

to walk between Britain and dant. Many hope to find new France. The political cere- jobs on a new railway tunnel After congratulating the

meet in the tunnel formally to ing up the two tunnel sections, been substantially reinforced. Irish, and Australian construc- involved in excavating the

December, making it possible: machine will be made redun- "massively reduced". The growing conviction that the tunnel will be built, efficiency bringing to an end 8,000 years of physical isolation between Britain and the Continent has "The tunnel is now a fact," Mr

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EC laws could be opened to challenge

By PETER GUILFORD IN BRUSSELS AND FRANCES GIBB

Citizens could be given the right to challenge European Community laws affecting their private lives directly Human Rights in Strasbourg.

Such a right of access on complaints arising from Com-munity law would for the first time bring a whole range of EC policy within the direct chall-enge of individuals for the first

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it results from a move in Brussels to ask the EC to become a signatory, along with the 24 other nations, to the European Convention on Human Rights.

The European Commission's senior legal expert, Jean-Louis Dewost, said yesterday that as more and more of community policy touched on personal matters such as residence rights, working con-ditions and the protection of privacy, it was shocking that the community should remain outside the broader convention. EC powers, he said, were growing at a rate of knots.

Milk scare case

Lawrence White, the feed importer who started the health scare over lead in milk last year, was convicted yesterday of selling unsafe prodncts by magistrates at Teignmouth, south Devon. White, of Exton, Devon, and his firm Torre Feeds, were each conditionally discharged for 18 months and ordered to pay £250 costs for offences under the Trades Descriptions Act and the Agriculture Act.

IRA 'blasphemy'

The murder of a soldier in an IRA human bomb attack last week was a mourners at his funeral in Liverpool were told vesterday. Father John Thompson, speaking at a mass in Walton for Kingsman Scott, aged 21, said: "It offended God and man. It broke the Commandments. It degrades the words 'human beings' when they use human bombs. But only good, not evil, can win."

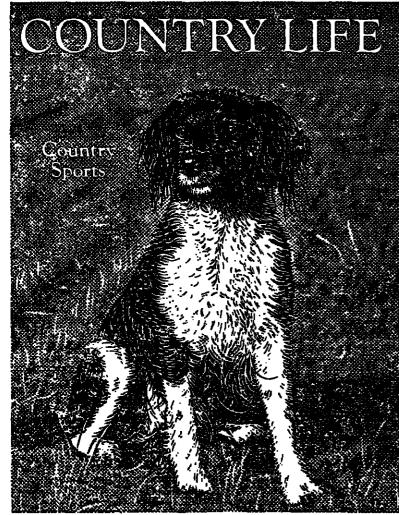
Back in the air

Timothy Lancaster, the pilot who was almost sucked from the cockpit of a British Airways aircraft when the windscreen shattered at 23,000ft in June, returned to flying yesterday and said: "It was easier than I thought it was going to be." He flew a round trip from Heathrow to Dublin. Captain Lancaster, aged 41, had suf-fered a broken arm, wrist and thumb, and frostbite, but his crew landed the aircraft.

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EVERY THURSDAY

Liverpool leaders attacked over debt

THE moderate Labour leadership on Liverpool city council faced jeers outside the council chambers yesterday from demonstrators protesting against possible redundancies. Councillors were meeting to discuss plans by the financial control committee to deal with the city's financial problems.

The Labour leadership was attacked by left-wing Labour councillors at the meeting for taking delegated powers to make decisions in which the full council would have no say.

Mike Storey, deputy leader of the Liberal Democrats, accused successive Labour administrations of tarnishing the image of the city. "I wonder if you know what damage you are doing. Would anyone seriously come to invest in a city party chairman, speaking in Bootle when we seem to be hovering on the edge yesterday during a by-election rally, said of financial crisis or up to our necks in alleged corruption?" he asked. Militants, he said, never had a

majority in the Labour group or on the council, yet every decision made in the eight years of Labour control, with the exception of the last few months, was made because the Labour group voted for them. "Derek Hatton ruled in this city because he was your man and Labour kept voting for his policies and schemes." Liverpool needed root and branch change to remove power from smoke-filled rooms and put it back into the hands of the people.

Kenneth Baker, the Conservative

yesterday during a by-election rally, said that Liverpool could expect no help from the government in solving the crisis which could put the city £10.1 million in debt and in the hands of the district

Mr Baker said that over the years Liverpool had been given a great deal of help and the mess the city now found itself in was the creation of local Labour politicians. "They have to put their own house in order and face up to reality. Liverpool is a classic example of how bad a city can go if it falls into the hands of a Labour party. Moderate or extreme Labour is a small choice among rotten apples," he added.

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Drug agency orders enquiry into 'link' to Lockerbie bomb

By KERRY GILL

THE United States Drug Enforcement Administration is expected to announce the results of an investigation this week into allega-tions that one of its undercover operations could have been used to smuggle the bomb on board Pan Am flight 103 which blew up over Lockerbie, killing 270 people.

Con Dougherty, for the DEA, confirmed last night that an enquiry had been ordered after a National Broadcasting Corporation television report - also carried by the American Broadcasting Corporation claimed some Pan Am flights from Frankfurt to the US were used to fly informants and suitcases of beroin from the Middle East to Detroit. "Although no evidence has surfaced to substantiate such claims, we are conducting an enquiry into these allegations."

He said his organisation was keen to get to the bottom of the matter, not simply as part of the overall investigation into the disaster, but out of compassion for the relatives of those killed on December 21 1988. Law enforce-

laws for more than 20 years, in-

troducing a concept of "divorce over time" and abolishing the role of fault or misbehaviour, will be

The keenly awaited proposals,

from the Law Commission for

England and Wales, are likely to

form the basis of legislation as part

of a package of reforms on the family. At the core of the pro-

posals will be the principle of putting the needs of children first.

Before a divorce is granted, cou-

ples will be have to sort out

questions concerning the chil-

dren's upbringing, access, finan-cial relief and division of property.

The reform would be a reversal

of the present law, where chil-

dren's issues are often resolved

after the divorce decree nisi has

been obtained. The "process over

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terrorists found out what the DEA was doing, infiltrated an undercover operation and placed a bomb instead of heroin in a DEA

The DEA is believed to be looking into whether Khalid Jafaar, aged 21, a Lebanese-American student from Detroit, might have been tricked by terrorists into taking the bomb on to the flight. The NBC report, citing anonymous sources, said investigators found that the part-time student made frequent trips to Lebanon, where his mother lived, and linked him in Frankfurt with people active in the Middle Eastto-Europe drug trade. The bomb was contained in a cassette recorder within a Samsonite

It has emerged that several passengers on the stricken flight were believed to have flown from Larnaca, Cyprus, before carrying on to Heathrow. It was suggested at the judicial enquiry into the 270 deaths that at least two might have been CIA employees who had started their journey in Beirut. Jim Swire the spokesman for the

months to a year, will also allow couples to take up counselling mediation and conciliation dur-

ing the divorce process. Reformers

want to end the bitterness and

acrimony which the present di-

The proposals would end a long

process of reform to the divorce

laws in which there has been a

shift away from fault. The present

law went some way towards this.

However, the present basis for divorce, irretrievable breakdown

of marriage, still retains fault in three of the five grounds which

can be cited to show breakdown.

indicated its support for a change

in the divorce laws to force

couples to consider the con-

sequences of a separation with the minimum of bitterness. Last week,

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, gave his clearest

ground of one year.

The government has already

vorce laws help to foster.

Divorce law reform

scraps role of fault

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs correspondent

THE biggest reform in divorce time" divorce, expected to be nine

daughter in the disaster, asked: "If the DEA was involved why are we hearing about it only now, two years later? If they have been wilfully obstructing a criminal investigation by concealing the truth the implications are enormous it would make Watergate

look like a picnic. We have always suspected the CIA or other US secret agencies knowing more than they would say. Just spare a thought for the family of the man who had been working for the DEA and was a ager on Flight 103, who thought he was carrying a bag of drugs to help fight abuse in the US and inadvertently carried his own death with him on to the plane."

The NBC report quoted an airline source as saying "Infor-mants would put cases of heroin on the Pan Am flights apparently without the usual security checks, through an arrangement between the DEA and German authorities." Last night Pan Am in New York had no comment on the

Lee Kreindler, senior lawyer for American and some British relatives, condemned the report and described it as an attempt to deflect attention from Pan Am security at a time when it was being explored at the judicial

enquiry in Scotland.

Mr Kreindler said the report had first surfaced about a year ago. "On that occasion it was timed to coincide with depositions which we were taking in Frankfurt and which were very damaging to Pan Am. The same coincidence appears to have happened again. Here we are in the middle of the enquiry which is giving good answers. We have also got good answers in our litigation in the United States. Then all of a sudden there is a report that the DEA is investigating an old story. The timing is suspicious."

Mr Kreindler, who is also chairman of the plaintiffs' committee for the US civil litigation, said that the report had been leaked in the first place by Juval Aviv, who was employed by Pan Am's insurers. "We investigated it at the time and found it to be full of misinformation and

distortion." American officials have made it known that they believed that Ahmad Jibril, leader of the Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, was the author of the bombing.



Swire: "This would make Watergate look like picnic"



GLOWERING blackly at the assembled media circus, the Prince of Wales yesterday stepped from his dark blue Bentley and steeled himself for his first public handshake in 87 days. He looked slightly pained and ill-at-ease, as though concerned that the arm he broke in a fall from his polo pony on June 29 might have forgotten the art of flesh-pressing.

The early omens were not good. As the car drew up he sat in the back with his right hand slightly clenched, as though in pain. When his detective opened the door for him he steadied himself on it as though his legs might suddenly give way. But all was well; he gripped the proferred hand of the Rev John Chater, rector of St Marylebone church in central London, and gave it a peremptory pump with what can only be described as firm assurance. Dirty looks at the press were

doubtless royal retribution for a story given prominence in less expensive newspapers this week that he had visited the chalice well at Glastonbury, Somerset, whose chalybeate-rich waters are said to cure evil, deafness, ulcers and blindness but not, apparently, the pain of a doubly-fractured arm. to Sarah Key, an Australian phy-siotherapist who has been coaxing him through a programme of exercise since his operation on September 1, and who has previously manipulated him for a bad back. Pure coincidence, the Prince's press spokesman reiterated several times over, had dictated that

The Prince returns with a firm public handshake

his first public visit since August 5 his first public visit since August 5 was to an NHS general practice in a church crypt which offered complementary medicine and counselling along with the standard pills. The Prince opened the centre in 1987 and is patron of its charitable trust, which raises money to provide homeopathy, acupuncture, massage, osteopathy

and musical therapy.

The centre boasts that its annual drugs bill is considerably less than that of the average NHS general practice, despite many of its 4,000 patients being disadvantaged. The Prince brought with him a group of Anglican clergy and Muslim community leaders from Yorkshire and Scotland to show them that such centres can be perfectly inter-demoninational As he mon

reporter shouted "How are you sir?" He glared somewhat, "If you really want to know, I'm barely alive," be retorted without much of a smile. His sense of humour appeared to have become slightly threadbare after six weeks of solitude among the Balmoral heather. In the church, the Prince and his

guests met doctors, priests and patients. When he emerged 90 minutes later, a woman in the crowd pressed a bunch of red and white carnations on him and congratulated him on his recovery. He seemed, at last charmed.
"I should be presenting them to
you, not the other way round." he
said. The woman turned out to be
an Iraqi, a fact it was perhaps as
well the Prince's detective did not know as he took the flowers.

From another section of the crowd Mrs Gladys Michael, aged 80, asked him how the arm was. "It's all right, but I think they put it on the wrong way round," the Prince replied cheerily. He thenreturned to Kensington Palace where he entertained the party of visiting clergy to lunch.

The Prince's public life now resumes in earnest, and next Friday he and the Princess leave for five days in Japan to attend the enthronement of Emperor Akihito. But despite his long absence from the public eye he has not been entirely idle. His sojourn at Balmoral has been occupied with large amounts of paperwork, receiving a stream of people from organisations he is connected with, and taking an ever-more active role in running the royal

His staff knew he was on the mend when, several weeks ago, he picked up a rod and went fishing in the Dee. He who can cast a fly is ready to shake a hand.

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gets cool reception from clergy

By RUTH GLEDHILL

THE battle to win the moral high ground for the Conservative party seemed to take a turn for the worse yesterday when Peter Lilley, the trade and industry secretary, addressed senior clergy in a debate at Southwark cathedral, London. After his defence of Conservative policies he sat down to a resounding silence. By contrast, John Smith, the shadow chancellor, was

given rapturous applause. Lord Harris of High Cross, the economist, said many in the audience, mainly clergy from Chelmsford, London and Southwark, were plainly hostile to Mr Lilley. "He sat down to silence. It was like Daniel in the lions' den." Mr Lilley criticised socialist clergy who were out of tune with the aspirations of their congrega-tion. He said capitalism could harness greed and selfishness arising out of the fall of man for the good of society, whereas socialists harnessed these defects for their

own ends.

The debate, entitled "City of God?", followed the publication of Christianity and Conservatism, edited by Michael Alison, MP, and David Edwards, provost of Southwark. In the book's preface Margaret Thatcher says the inti-mate relationship between the Anglican church and the state was profoundly creative in the advance to national consciousness". The prime minister argues that an historical turning point has been reached for the nation, and Christianity is at risk of being

"marginalised".

Mr Lilley, who attends St
Peter's church, Vanxhall, in the Southwark diocese, said some ecclesiastics were reluctant to admit that free enterprise produced the goods and they said the free market only worked by "encouraging greed and selfishness" or by exploiting the poor."I think both points do not stand close

examination. To argue that the free market only encouraged greed and selfishness was "very unbiblical and very unchristian". He said selfishness and greed dated from the fall of man and would "manifest itself in whatever form of society we organise". Mr Lilley quoted St Thomas Aquinas, who said that private property was necessary for human life, and the minister argued that the recent experience of socialist economies in the eastern bloc proved that selfishness was not limited to or pro-

duced by capitalism.

He criticised clergymen who were out of tune with their congregations. In one parish, a woman who wished to buy her council house had been worried by an article in the parish magazine

that suggested this was wrong.

Mr Smith said: "Clergymen who I know speak very compellingly for their constituents with a deep understanding of the social problems they face. It is certainly my experience that the church is in touch with the people much more than the government is." The Rev Mark Davies, team vicar of St Peter's in Vauxhall said: "I do have a problem with government policy as it affects people in my area."

Marsh 'gave visit as alibi'

Sir Stephen Spender recalls a car journey across America with the late Leonard Bernstein, an evocation of the conductor was told yesterday.

and of Fifties America MacLaine, back on the boards Shirley MacLaine talks about her return to the

London stage and some remaining film ambitions Plus . . .

Family feuding and the world's richest tycoon, the art of (Anthony) "burgessing", Lace comes out of the underwear closet, growing up with Susan Fleetwood

TERRY Marsh told detectives that he was visiting an aunt when his manager, Frank Warren, was shot, the Central Criminal Court

In taped interviews after his arrest, Mr Marsh allegedly said that on November 30 last year, after visiting a gymnasium in Wapping, east London, and calling at his flat to organise the sale of some furniture, he drove to his Aunt Winnie's house in Stepuey

The court was told that Marsh. a former world light welterweight boxing champion, claimed to have spent an hour drinking tea and discussing family matters before leaving at about 9pm.

He then drove to Basildon,

Essex, where he met his brother John in a public house. He told police that it was only after closing time, when he arrived at his parent's house in the town, that he was told that his estranged wife Jacqui had telephoned his father with news of the shooting. He tried to ring her to find out what had happened but could get

Detective Inspector Peter Wiggins, who interviewed Mr Marsh on January 17 and 18, told him during the second interview that his alibi had been checked and that the aunt said he had not visited her. Mr Marsh, aged 32, who denies attempting to murder Mr Warren, aged 38, in Barking, east London, shortly after 8pm on November 30 allegedly replied: You are bullshitting."

Mr Marsh accepted that as a former Royal Marine he had received firearms training. But he said that just because he had been trained "to shoot and be shot at" in Northern Ireland, it did not qualify him as the "killing guy". He said: "If I had got the

slightest motive I'm going to be put in the frame for it." Mr Wiggins told him he had

more than just a slight motive but a "really deep-seated vengeance" for Mr Warren. Mr Marsh replied: "I would disagree with that en-tirely. It's in my favour to actually have the case because I will come out of it very well."
Earlier, John Morris, general secretary of the British Boxing Board of Control, told the court

that Mr Marsh effectively retired when he disclosed in The Sun that he had epilepsy. Mr Morris said that Mr Marsh had taken out a manager's licence in 1988 and had also become a co-promoter. Mr Morris said: "Terry Marsh

was an extremely courageous boxer. I have never seen anything other than exemplary behaviour from him. Everything about him has been to the credit of boxing." The trial continues today.

£4m art theft is resolved

ONE of the largest art thefts in America has been resolved, with 14 of the 28 stolen paintings recovered (Sarah Jane Checkland writes). No arrests have been made, however, because one of the thieves has died and the rest have been jailed for other crimes.

The works, thought to be worth as much as \$8 million (£4.1 million), were stolen in 1988 from Colnaghi in Manhattan, sister to the Bond Street gallery in London. In a night raid, the thieves swung on ropes between two buildings and entered a skylight which did not have an alarm.

The police said the thieves became frightened when they learned of the hand's real value in newspaper and television reports. They pawned some of the works for \$50,000 and fled the country.

into line,

Father says the Iraqis killed defence expert his son had said in a telephone call

A BRITISH defence expert found hanged in a Chilean hotel could have been given drugged coffee, injected and murdered because of what he knew about an Iragi arms deal, his father claimed yesterday. Jonathan Moyle, aged 28, editor of Defence Helicopter World, was of Defeate Hencopier Worm, was in Chile to report on an air show when his body was discovered in March this year. He was found hanged in his bedroom cupboard at his hotel in Santiago.

Tony Moyle, his father, of Branscombe, Devon, told a resumed inquest in Exeter into his son's death that the general consensus in Chile was that his son was murdered, probably by the tracis. It was thought he had stumbled on a deal in which a Chilean arms manufacturer was to sell advanced belicopter guidance systems to Iraq.
Mr Moyle told the inquest that

to his parents eight hours before he was found dead that he was inexplicably and dreadfully tired. "I am convinced he was sedated with his morning coffee and injected," Mr Moyle said, adding that the only way his strongly built son could have been put into a cupboard was if he had been overpowered. There was no sign of The Chilean post-mortem examination report spoke of strong sedatives being found in his

tion, Mr Moyle claimed.
At yesterday's inquest, Albert Hunt, a Home Office pathologist, presented his post-mortem report, which will go to Chile, where the death is being treated as murder.

The inquest was adjourned for

stomach, but that was suppressed by the original Chilean investiga-

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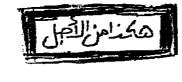
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Gummer tells milk industry to reform or face collapse

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Milk Marketing Board, representing 32,000 dairy farmers and the dairy trade impact," he said. fail to agree soon changes that

lunch of the Dairy Trade system reduced the rewards Federation, Mr Gummer said for innovation and the scope the 57-year monopoly of the Milk Marketing Board was incapable of responding to Mr Gummer said any

The days when the average Gummer, the agriculture min-ister, said yesterday. any type of cheese, provided it was cheddar, had long gone. Speaking at the annual The present milk marketing

future demands. "If we do not reform must not be cosmetic get the system right now, an and must ensure greater comincreasingly competitive mar-ket will mean that imports will and greater choice for the force change upon the in- consumers and producers.

Polys set to go green By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

POLYTECHNIC directors to- tors' seminar in May. A 30day launch a programme for page report by Shirley Ali the "greening" of their institu- Khan, a lecturer at Hatfield tions. They say that the polytechnic and national cocommitment to promote envi- ordinator for the project, ronmental awareness through describes the agreement as the the curriculum and to reduce first step towards environdamaging practices is the first mental responsibility across

by such a large sector. All but nine of the directors have signed an agreement to already have "green" policies.

Sheffield polytechnic, for ponsibility in policy state- example, participates in its ments and to use resources city council's power-fromefficiently. Others are ex- waste system, reducing fuel pected to join later. The bills by burning household

the whole sector.

BRITAIN'S milk industry dustry not in an orderly way, For the past two years the farmers in England and Wales, would allow them to compete consumer bought a pint of effectively in a single European market after 1992, John man and was prepared to eat panies and processors, have been arguing over how to

ments by which milk is traded. By law, the board is the sole buyer of milk from its members. Only a small group of farmers with their own processing facilities are allowed to operate outside the system. The board then fixes the prices at which milk is sold to dairies in annual negotiations with the federation.

Critics say this has hampered innovation and regional variety and thus Britain's ability to compete against imports of yoghurts, specialist cheeses and other new dairy products. Last summer, the board proposed turning itself into a voluntary co-operative, continuing to buy and collect milk from its members, but then putting it out to tender. The federation yesterday put forward counter-proposals

for the setting up of 30 regional producer co-operatives which could sell milk directly to local dairies. The board would be allowed to continue as a voluntary body, but after two years would not be permitted to buy and sell more than 25 per cent of all



Evelyn Glennie, the deaf percussionist, teaches Julie Warren, aged ten, a deaf pupil from Lacock school, Islington, north London, to play the xylophone. Miss Glennie was taking a break from rehearsals for Saint-Saëns's Carnaval des

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Union's victory is masked by tea-break dispute

Britain's engineering workers are well on their way to winning a 35-hour week. But now the loss of a morning tea-break could deny their union complete success, Tim Jones reports

AN old-style dispute over their working week reduced tea-breaks at Rolls-Royce by four hours. Industries, straight from the script of I'm All Right Jack, the Boulting brothers' satire on the chaos and corruption practised by industrialists and union officials in the late 50s, is threatening to overshadow a profound and almost painless revolution on Britain's shop floors.

This week marks the anniversary of the campaign by the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineer-ing Unions to reduce the working week from 39 to 35 hours and it is celebrated, as it began, with a decision by workers to go on strike if necessary to secure the aim.

More than 1,000 firms have so far agreed to give more than 500,000 workers a 37-hour week or less. The unions have now warned companies to expect a spring offensive to secure the 35-hour week.

The strategy has been simple and effective. In large companies such as British Aerospace and Rolls-Royce, workers at in-dividual plants have voted to stop work after being assured their strike fund will be topped up by contributions from colleagues who continue to work.

That levy has so far amounted to more than £20 million, ensuring that those on strike can hold out almost indefinitely.

The most bitter mani-festation of the campaign occurred at the BAe plant at Chester when the company was threatened with potential claims of more than £41 million from other partners in the consortium because a strike for a shorter working week was seriously threatening the European Airbus

Yesterday workers at GPT plant in Liverpool are waiting to hear the manage-ment response to their claim before deciding whether to take strike action.

When the campaign began, Peter Brighton, director general of the Engineering Employers' Federation warned that thousands of jobs would be at risk if the unions succeeded in having

Rolls-Royce was the first UK company to agree a standard working week of fewer than 39 hours when its NEI subsidiary concluded an agreement at its Parsons factory on Tyneside last November. But a dispute over morning tea-breaks is preventing the company from completing negotia-tions on a shorter working week for its 20,000 manual workers. Blue collar workers at its Leavesden plant, near Watford, are protesting against the company's pro-posals to end the fixed time tea-break.

The company says the staff can have ten during the morning when work allows, but union officials claim that as they have already given up provision for free tea and a fixed break in the afternoon, the company is being too inflexible.

Gavin Laird, general secretary of the Amalgamated Engineering Union said yes-terday: "The campaign for the shorter working week in Britain has been the most successful trade union cam-paign since 1979."

 One hundred jobs are to go in Luton with the closure of two engineering factories. Kent Process Control's Bramingham Park plant and ABB Robotics in Midland Road are being closed by their parent company Asea Brown Boveri.

The firm are shifting their operations to ABB factories in Milton Keynes and Stevenage, and 60 workers at Kent's, mainly in administration, are being made redundant with a further 100 staff having their jobs moved to Stevenage.

About half the 80 workers at ABB Robotics, which produces robots for carmakers and other industries. will lose their jobs when the factory merges with its sister company at Milton Keynes. The mergers are part of the Swedish/Swiss company's major shake-up of its UK

Two weeks ago Pre-Star announced it was closing down its Luton operation with the possible loss of 160



Roads 'need £120m

More than £120 million will have to be spent elminating local road blackspots in the next three years if national casualty reduction targets are to be met, road safety organisations said yesterday (Michael Dynes writes).

The money is needed for safety schemes including improved junction layouts, road humps, mini-roundabouts, central refuges and pedestrian crossings. The association of metropolitan authorities said that the political will was there locally but central government must provide the resources.

Libel award

Mark Nurthen, aged 32, a police sergeant who led an indecency raid on a joke shop in Covent Garden, central London, which sold chocolate sweets in obscene shapes, won £25,000 libel damages against The People yesterday for a report on the raid in which he was derided and defamed.

Cold comfort

The British Refrigeration Association said yesterday it would cost retailers at least £300 million to bring chilled display cabinets up to the standards required under hy-giene regulations from April.

Deer hunt

Police are seeking a fully grown stag which brought traffic to a standstill as it galloped through Cheltenham town centre. The council's parks and recreation department said: "We are asking people to keep well clear i they see any deer in the town."

Weight limit South Tees health authority is refusing to recruit nurses or porters who are 25 per cent overweight saying that they are more prone to injury when lifting and moving patients.

Man extradited

William Charles Taylor, aged 42, of Toronto, is to be extradited to Britain on charges of conspiring to smuggle arms to the Ulster Volunteer Force, a Protestant terrorist organisation in Northern Ireland.

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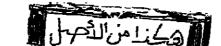
Sir Peter Imbert, commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, is improving slowly, Scotland Yard said yesterday. Sir Peter, aged 57, is still in intensive care after suffering a heart attack.

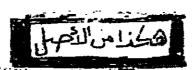
A clean sweep

Residents of Glanwydden in Gwynedd, fed up that the council never cleaned the village streets, have done the job themselves and forwarded the £732 bill. Aberconwy borough council has, however, refused to pay, saying that it would create a precedent of paying for unauthorised work.

Flying colours The 12,000 black and white

barnacle arctic geese which have arrived to winter at the Caerlaverock reserve in Dumfries & Galloway include breeding oddities - five com-pletely white birds.





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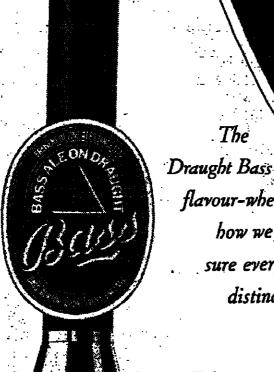
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Hunts flourish as call for ban is sounded again

The horn has been blown for a new hunting season and a million people will be involved in events until March. Michael Hornsby talks to enthusiasts and the sport's enemies

THE shires of England are again echoing to the sound of the chase after the opening this week of the fox-hunting season. In spite of decades of campaigning by anti-blood sports groups, sporadic violence by hunt saboteurs and the loss of hunting country to farming urban sprawl and road building, the sport seems to be flourishing as never before.

There are 194 packs of foxhounds in England and Wales - more than in the Edwardian heyday of country life - and they take part in some 21,400 days of hunting every season, according to the Masters of Foxhounds Association. There are 48,000 hunt members and a further 400,000 people who regularly follow the hunt by car, on foot or on bicycle. We reckon that over a whole season, up to a million people may be involved at one time or another if you include spectators and the thousands who turn out to watch such traditional events as the Boxing Day meet of the Quorn in Loughborough market place in Leicestershire." Brian Toon, for the

association, says.

Jane Ridley, historian daughter of the former cabinet minister, Nicholas Ridley, attributes the growing numbers taking part in hunting to the move into the country of people with townbased incomes. "Subscription to one of the top hunts can run to £1,000 a year, not to speak of the cost of keeping horses," she said. "Yet most leading hunts

now have long waiting lists." Ms Ridley, who has just written a history of foxhunting and rides to hounds with the Jedforest, a Border pack, thinks risk-taking is an important part of the attraction. "Dressing up in quaint early Victorian costume is like putting on a uniform. It makes you feel braver. I have done things when hunting that I would never dream of doing in cold

Yet as more people take part in foxhunting the pressure to get it banned is also growing. The start of this year's season coincides with the second attempt in two years to persuade members of the National Trust, who now number two million, to vote in favour of resolutions calling for bans on the hunting of foxes, hares, mink and deer on the 600,000 acres the trust owns. The outcome of the mainly postal ballot will be

blood."

announced at the trust's annual general meeting at Llandudno on Saturday. Few foxhunts are wholly dependent on use of trust land, and the legal terms on which some properties were donated to the trust stipulate that hunting should con-tinue. So the impact of a vote in favour of a ban might well be more psychological than

Conservative policy has been to treat participation in foxhunting as a matter for individual choice. There are, however, prominent opponents of hunting on the Tory benches. Dame Janet Fookes, MP for Plymouth



They're off: the horses and the hounds, the sportsmen and the spectators lining up this week for the Hampshire Hunt at Preston Candover

Drake, who will be among those trust members voting for a ban, believes that the hunting of any animal with hounds should be pro-hibited. "The argument that hunting is part of the tra-ditional way of life in the countryside and must be preserved does not wash. So were bear-baiting, cockfighting and many other extremely unpleasant rural

pursuits." Last month, the Labour

party, in its new document on environmental policy, declared the "organised hunting of foxes, deer, hares and other mammals for pleasure in ways which are sure to inflict pain and suffering to be unacceptable to the majority of people in Britain". A future Labour government would hold a free vote on the principle of a ban.

John Blakeway, senior

which hunts in Leicestershire and Lincolnshire, says loss of hunting country to farming has been more of a problem than the activities of saboteurs and the antiblood sports lobby. "I have been hunting for 50 years. Increased cereal growing since the second world war has reduced the length of the hunting season by about a

Hunt enthusiasts argue joint-master of the Belvoir, that the fox is a pest to

farmers and needs to be methods, such as shooting, snaring and gassing, are more cruel than hunting. That argument is disputed by James Barrington, director of the League Against Cruel Sports. "Leaving aside the moral argument and the question of cruelty, hunting is a very ineffective form of

10.000 to 12,000 foxes are

killed in hunts each season.

Yet as many as 70,000 are killed on the roads. We also question claims by sheep farmers that without control foxes would increase in number and prey more

heavily on lambs. "In Scotland, where the government subsidises for destruction clubs, Aberdeen University found that an estate which suspended fox control for three years suffered no increase in fox

Firearm licence

POLICE forces are overcharging sportsmen and women for firearms certificates by inefficiently administering the licensing system, the country's largest shooting organisation

said yesterday.

The British Association for Shooting and Conservation is calling for fees for certificates to be cut to a maximum of £10 and licences to be extended on renewal from three years to at least 10 years. The demands are supported by the National Pistol Association and the National Rifle Association. Gun-owners pay £46 for both the grant and renewal of firearms certificates and £17 for a shotgun licence, which

can be renewed for £11.
The 1988 Firearms Act introduced more stringent criteria governing the issuing of certificates after the Hungerford massacre.

A report commissioned by the British association from the accountants Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, who studied six forces, estimated the costs incurred by the police ranged from £9 to £35, averaging out at £21.50. John Swift, the association's director, said: "Since the 1988 Firearms Act we have had numerous complaints from members relating to inconsistent and unnecessary policing causing increased costs. This is clearly inefficient. The firearms organisations have always maintained that since firearms licensing is for the benefit of the general public, it is only fair that some of the cost is met through the public purse."

The organisations plan to meet the police, Home Office officials and HM Inspectorate of Constabulary, as well as submit the report to the government's firearms consultative committee, to demand a nationally consistent system.

Prison for cannabis smugglers

THE skipper and crew of a vacht were jailed yesterday for trying to smuggle cannabis worth £4.5 million into Britain. William Sullivan, aged 47, of Romford, Essex, the skipper of the yacht Rosy, was sentenced to ten years after admitting illegally importing cannabas.

His daughter, Jenni Sullivan, aged 23, of the same each jailed for seven years. William Elliott, aged 49, of Watford, Hertfordshire, was sentenced to nine years. All three had denied the charge. Truro Crown Court had

been told that the yacht was tracked through French and Spanish waters until it suffered engine trouble ten miles off Falmouth, Cornwall, last October. When the boat called for help a Customs launch offered it a tow to Falmouth, where one-and-a-half tons of Moroccan cannabis was

Broadcasters plan to charge for listings

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

national and regional newspapers to pay for the one-day
and weekend TV schedules listings at all." they now receive free, the Newspaper Society has said. BBC Enterprises, which

data on BBC, ITV, Channel 4. BSB and Sky programmes, has said it will charge for one-day weekend information. ITV Council is also considering a proposal from Independent Television Publishing, which publishes TV Times, that it act as the sole

agent for the collection of seven-day, one-day and week-end fees from those publishing 1TV and Channel 4 listings. David Newell, head of government and legal affairs at the Newspaper Society, said: "It couldn't be the intention of

LEGISLATION aimed at broken up that local freesheets breaking up the television and regional evening newslistings duopoly could be papers be forced to pay for undermined by plans to force information they have always

He said that while the broadcasting bill had given all publications the right to pubpublishes Radio Times and lish a full TV instings service, it "the pricing structure may make it impossible for many to compete".

The Newspaper Society is to meet BBC Enterprises and ITP in November to persuade them to drop the proposed one-day and weekend charges. If both refuse, it will appeal to the Copyright Tribunal.
A confidential memo to

ITV directors from George Cooper, of ITP, detailing the proposed new charges, has asked ITV companies to keep the ITP proposals secret.

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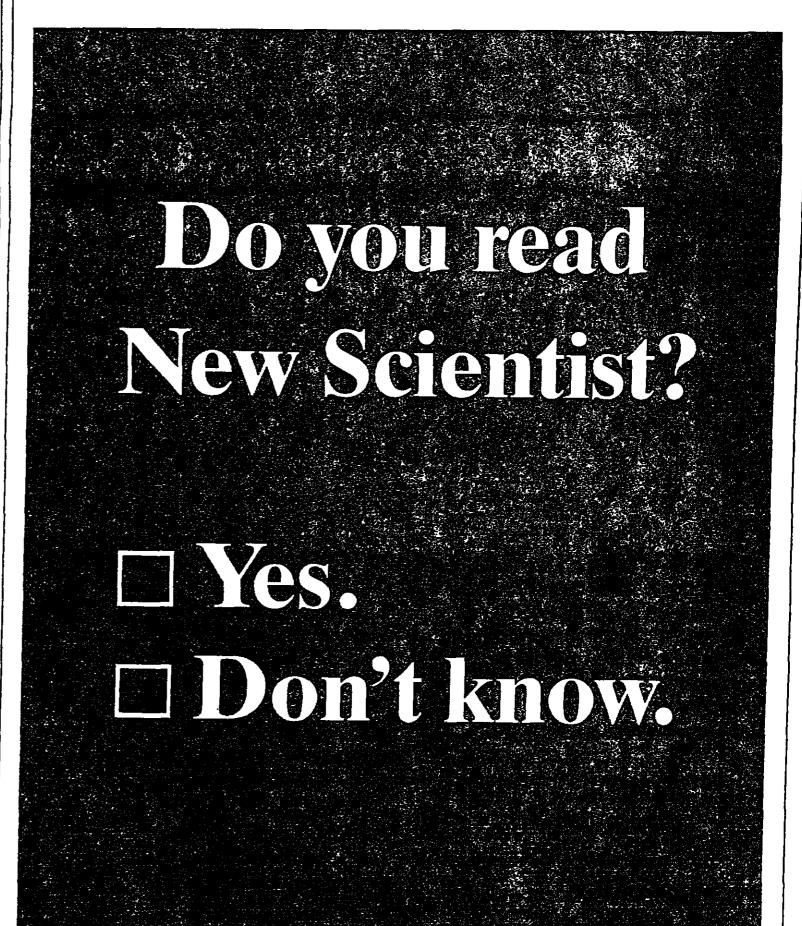
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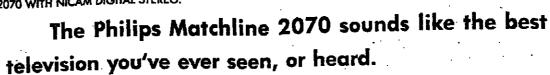
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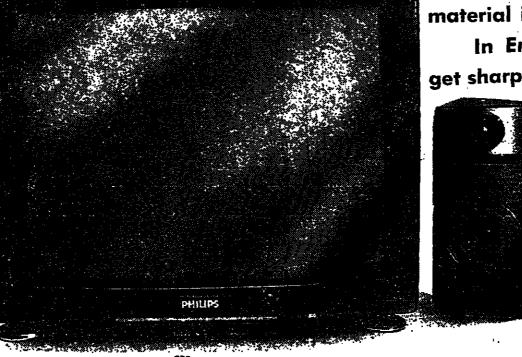
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Holiday sales rise Worth

Fears raised over

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MPs warn of cash shortfall as psychiatric units close

By JUL SHERMAN, SOCIAL SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

GOVERNMENT plans to close before adequate alterprovide community care for native services were available mentally ill people discharged from hospital will cost at least £270 million over the next five the development of new vears, according to an all party Commons report.

The social services select committee said that the sale of hospital sites will not raise enough money to provide says. The health department alternative local services for should publish details of the 12,500 patients now in which health authorities had the 12,500 patients now in sites for sale, where these sites were and which had attracted niatric institutions who will be discharged in the next

in addition, £30 million which the government has carmarked for the mentally ill next year will not meet even the social care expenses for the 27,000 mentally ill people have made contact with psychiatric services, the report says. Using figures from an evaluation by Kent university, the committee estimates that costs such as local authority contribute 30 per cent to the day care, occupational therapy and community psychiatric services would cost £75 million a year for these 27,000.

The report says that these estimates did not even begin to cost the service requirements of people with a mental local services were not penal-handicap. "However, they ised, the committee says. The illustrate the level of commitment required in resource extra money be earmarked for terms to achieve a small part the care of the elderly mentally of the government's community care reforms."

The report contains 32 recommendations to improve community care plans. It calls that there was overwhelming for an interdepartmental ministerial committee to oversee and urges the government to

"We doubt that the sale of hospital sites in exchange for community services will make a major contribution to releasing the required resources for community care in the current

interest from developers. The government, which has set up a £50 million capital loans fund to help districts before their psychiatric hosadditional bridging finance

value, the report says. The committee was also concerned that local authorities will be expected to £30 million mental illness grant next year and said that where local authorities found real difficulties, they should not have to pay. The government should fund this contribution instead to ensure that report also recommends that ill and the mentally handicapoed.

Stephen Dorrell, junior health minister, said yesterday evidence that people were not the policy to ensure that the streets. The whole purpose

Praise for superb chess duel as game ends with a draw

By RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

World Chess Championship up and with every likelihood in New York was declared that he would win, taking a drawn early yesterday after what some grandmasters have third of the 24 games. in New York was declared called one of the most superb duels in the championship's

The game, which lasted for ten hours over two days, had been a see-saw battle with first Gary Kasparov and then Anatoly Karpov taking the initiative. On the 84th move, Karpov, the challenger, offered a draw which Kasparov, the world champion, accepted.

The opening had once again been Kasparov's favourite Ruy Lopez variation and with it he built up a formidable attack against the black king.

Karpov, faced with enormous problems of defence, was also running into serious time pressure with only a few minutes to complete the first time control at move 40. But, although Kasparov held all the trumps, he seemed unable to land the decisive blow. The game was adjourned on

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By Harvey Elliott air correspondent

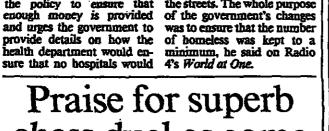
OLDER, well-off northerners are helping Britain's be-leaguered travel agents by using their credit cards to ensure a holiday in the sun

A survey by Lunn Poly. Britain's biggest retail travel agent, shows that bookings are running at about the same level as this time last year. The prices being paid are an average of 25 per cent higher, however, as holiday-makers opt for more distant locations and are prepared to pay more for top quality.

In a trend that will worry

In a trend that will worry the Treasury, more than a third of all bookings are being paid for with credit cards, with customers apparently pre-pared to pay high interest rates rather than part with cash now. The survey, carried out among 504 Lunn Poly shops. shows that the number of bookings from Scotland and the North are up by an average per cent, while bookings from the South have fallen by

about the same rate. There has also been continued fall in the number of people aged between 20 and 35 who can afford the new. th-price tours being offered operators anxious to pre-The a repeat of last year's concusting which led to profit margins being cut to dangerously thin levels. The number of older customers booking these holidays is still



THE eighth game of the move 40 with Karpov a pawn

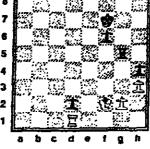
When the game restarted, what will go down in the history of championship chess as one of the great defensive rearguard actions. As Karpov saw his opportunities vanish, he once again faced serious time pressure. With just a minute left to make the four moves before the second time control at move 56, he missed a chance finally to demolish the white defences: On move 53, had he played Qf2, white's crumbling fortifications would have been swept away. Instead, he gave while the chance of a draw.

Kasparov succeeded first in lopping off black's extra pawn on the queen's wing while blockading black's powerful pawn on the d file which Karpov hoped to advance to become a queen,

Karpov's final error came with an injudicious pawn thrust on move 70. A queen attack then obliged Karpov to offer the exchange of queens, taking Kasparov out of danger. It had been a magnificent, if flawed struggle. Kasparov white, Karpov black

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Auctioneers in London. The 1991 spring and summer collection will be shown in of modern British pain to be audioned by Phillips next weelf. The presentation of the hat collection will be Somerville's biggest show

Rural groups clash over housing shortage

the most serious problem in rural England, Lord Shuttleworth, chairman of the Rural Development Commission, said yesterday, a view dismissed immediately as complacent by a countryside pressure group (Nicholas

Speaking at the launch of the commission's annual report, Lord Shuttleworth

said government initiatives were not enough given the scale of the problem. The shortage of housing threatened the social balance in even the remotest areas. The commission, he said, could play an important advisory role and could significantly influence bodies such as the Housing Corporation, which had an annual budget of £1.6 billion.

Tony Burton, senior planner for the

England, said, however, that the commission was helping to damage the countryside by supporting the government's exceptions policy, which allowed housing to be built on land on the edge of villages that would not normally be developed. "This means that we are asking the countryside to pay the price of the failure of housing policies."

The British Consumer Pro-

THE single European market association is concerned about in 1992 could open Britain's are irons with sole plates that doors to a flood of products melt. Irons manufactured in that do not meet British the UK since 1986 have been standards and might be dangerous, according to Which?, prevent melting but the European standard will not come into force until April 1993. sue published today says that The association has also exsold legally in one member chairs that fold up when the country to be sold in any child is in them and flammable foam-filled furniture. Although both are covered by same criteria do not necessar-

ily apply throughout Europe. Which? says the European process for drawing up standards is long-winded, but Britain does have some lessons to learn from Europe. Hot air guns in Europe come with heat-resistant flex and gas water heaters in The Netherlands have shut-off valves so that no gas can flow if the

"Low fat" sausages are not necessarily much lower in fat according to Which? One brand tested contained as much fat as some standard sausages and the majority reduced the fat content_by only about 50 per cent. The association says that this does not make them low-fat products as most sausages analysed were still about a quarter fat.

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Burglar alarms to be curbed

The government is to introduce mandatory controls to require burglar alarms to cut off after 20 minutes, David Trippier, the environment minister, told the Commons last night when he opened a debate on curbing noise.

He added that car alarms were supposed to cut off after five minutes but often did not and frequently went off accidentally. The government was seeing what could be done to improve matters.

Tighter controls had reduced vehicle noise, he said, and it should be possible to reduce further the noise from cars and lorries. The government was looking at the practicality of introducing metered noise testing of vehicles during the annual test or in

Personalised car plates

The sale of personalised H-registration number plates by the transport department has raised £5.6 million. Christopher Chope, roads and traffic minister, said in a Commons written reply. About 11,000 motorists have chosen their numbers since the scheme started on October I and more than 200,000 three-letter combinations are still

Ashdown plea to City

The Liberal Democrats are seeking backing from the City of London. Mr Paddy Ashdown said yes-terday that the City had a direct interest in ensuring that Britain was part of the European mainstream and that the prime minister's views were defeated. The party's job was to lead the pro-European

£30m aid for development

A scheme to help small and medium-size companies to develop new products is to be launched next year. Douglas Hogg, the industry minister, told MPs that the government expected to provide £30 million for the scheme, to be called Spur, over three

Hansard at £6

The price of Hansard. the Commons official repost, is to go up by £1, to £6 a day, John Map nomic secretary, said in a written reply. The weekly version will rise by £3. The rises, from next week, are aimed at cutting esti-mated losses of £1.2 million next year.

Parliament today Commons (9.30) and the Lords (9.30): Prorogation.



The way to do it: John Browne (Winchester, C) demonstrating technique yesterday at the Lor clay pigeon shoot at Brocket Hall, Hertfordshire, in aid of The Prince's Trust

Register scheme is killed

By Peter Mulligan

THE government won its battle against a compulsory dog registration scheme last night as peers voted by a narrow majority not to send the issue back to the Commons for a third time.

After a spirited debate, they decided by 158 votes to 139 against asking MPs to reconsider the matter after hearing Lady Blatch, the environment minister, dismiss the scheme as expensive and bureaucratic.

She said a dog register would soon contain details of thousands of dead animals and would quickly become defunct. Who, she asked, would deregister dead dogs found on the highway?

The debate was opened by Lord Stanley of Aiderley, from the Conservative benches, who reminded the House how MPs had resisted the scheme by only three votes earlier this

He told them: "There is no constitutional reason whatsoever why you should not ask the House of Commons to think again.
"There is a very strong case

for saying it is our duty as a revising chamber to do just However, the scheme was

derided by senior Tory peers, including Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the former Lord Chancellor, who described its registration fee as a "poll tax

tion go back some way. Lord Jenkin of Roding, the former environment secretary, said that he had tried to bring in a

dogs bill six years ago. He said: "I actually got a policy approved for a registra-tion scheme, but I failed dismally to persuade my colleagues to put it in the programme". He went on to vote against the government. in overall redundancy costs

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Big rise in dockers' redundancy cash attacked in report

By RICHARD FORD, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

REDUNDANCY to dockers arising abolition of the dock labour scheme are expected to rise from an estimated £25 million to £135 million, according to a applied for redundancy and at report yesterday that criticised the transport department for inancial mismanagement.

In another report by the National Audit Office, the employment department was also rebuked for weak financial control that allowed as much as £8 million to be paid to people involved in training programmes when no training was being done.

A total of £90 million was paid in compensation to former registered dock workers in 1989-90 compared with an original transport department estimate of £10 million, a National Audit Office report of the 12 months since the dock labour scheme was abolished said. The big increase in payments was the result of a poor estimate by the department of the number of the 9,200 dockers on the scheme who would seek redundancy

The government thought there would be between 1,500 and 2,000 redundancies, but by September this year three-The House heard that fifths of dockers had opted to AN INVESTIGATION by the fice, the historic royal palaces, disagreements on dog registra- leave the scheme. The un- prime minister's efficiency the Queen Elizabeth conredundancies had to be increased to £90 million and, civil service. according to the report, the total compensation costs

after it was abolished in July

could reach £135 million. The report said that the government had admitted that its estimate of £25 million estimate and a gness. It said that within ten weeks of the scheme being abolished 3,756 of the registered dockers had the end of last year and the National Audit Office critibeginning of this, redundancies were running at about

a hundred a month. Under the act abolishing the scheme, the government set training programmes. It said up compensation arrangements aimed at removing the rigidities imposed by the 1947 scheme which restricted dock work at ports in the scheme to existered workers and registered employers. The compensation was also aimed at helping to reduce over-

Last night, John Prescott, the shadow transport secretary, said that it had cost the nation millions of pounds to pay for the government's ideothe dock labour scheme. He ety of the charges."

"conning" the taxpayer to pay for the ending of a scheme that had been replaced by cheap casual labour in the docks. In a second report, the cised the weak financial

management of the employment department's employment training and youth that the weakness in control was so serious that a more detailed examination was to be carried out.

The report showed that, of £1.4 billion paid in 1989-90 to managers and agents operating both training schemes, £55 million was not supported by proper audit evidence. "This does not necessarily mean that these amounts had been improperly paid; however, the absence of satisfactory evi-dence produces a degree of logical obsession to get rid of uncertainty about the propri-

Efficiency study for 'quiet revolution'

By Sheila Gunn, political reporter

foreseen level of redundancies unit was announced yesterday ference centre, the vehicle meant that the government's into the quiet revolution of inspectorate and at Com-original financial estimate for Whitehall that is instilling panies House. Among the Whitehall that is instilling business-like attitudes into the

It will focus on the effects on ministers and their departments of detaching nearly half Britain's 560,000 civil servants by next summer into free-standing executive agen-cies under the Next Steps initiative. Announcement of the study, to report next January, coincided with publication of the first annual report on the 34 agencies employing a total of 80,000

already set up.
A further 28 departments are candidates for agency sta-tus in what is predicted to be an enduring legacy of the Thatcher administrations, eradicating for ever the popular image of bureaucrats portrayed by Men from the Ministry and Yes, Minister.

Peter Kemp, the Next Steps project manager in the Cabi-net Office, said yesterday that the reform of the civil service started more than two years ago by Margaret Thatcher had now gained credibility despate early resistance from civil servants and the Whitehall trade unions.

"There is no policy for abolishing the civil service. What we are getting is a more federal structure," he said. David Mellor, the civil service minister, said that the reform is challenging the civil

service to meet the needs of

customers better.
Describing the "successes" of the new agencies, the report cites better services and cost controls at the Stationery Of-tion Office).

panies House. Among the improvements is that tests on torate can now be carried out on Saturdays, examiners explain faults to failed driving test candidates and Companies House offers a 20minute search and a fax

Mr Kemp said that 12 of the chief executives running the agencies have been brought in from the private sector. Unlike government departments. the agencies can vary the salary of top officials "to get the right person for the job".

The next batch of government departments, employing a total of 201,590 civil servants, marked as executive agency candidates by next

Cadw (Welsh Historic Monuments), Central Science Lab-oratory, Central Statistical Office, Chessington Computer Centre, Child Support Agency, Civil Service Com-mission, Defence Research Agency, Directorate General of Defence Accounts, Farm and Countryside Service, Fuel Suppliers Branch, Historic Scotland, Military Survey, NHS Estates, Passport Office. Pollution Inspectorate, Property Holdings, RAF Training Royal Parks, Service Children's Schools, Social Security Benefits Agency, Social Security Contributions Unit, Valuation Office, Youth Treatment Service, Rating Di-vision (Northern Ireland), Customs and Excise and Inland Revenue (except Valua-

Livelier palaces

London, Hampton Court, Banqueting House, Kensington and Kew palaces handed over to chief executive, David Beeton. He bas an annuai budget of £22 million and 350 staff. The original profit target of £3.8 million this year has been revised to £4.7 million.

professional managers to rum Agencies (Stationery Office; the shops and bureaux de £8.30) and Progress in the change at the tourist attrac- Next Steps Initiative: Governtions. In addition, visitors ment reply to the eighth report queueing to see the Crown of the Commons Treasury and sewels at the Tower of London can watch videos of state tionery Office; £4.10).

THE Historic Royal Palaces became a Next Steps agency in October last year with the Royal Family wearing the jewels. The videos have proved so management of the Tower of popular that some visitors rejoin the back of the queue just to see the whole film A video at Hampton Court shows the fire damage and restoration work. The palace park was leased for a flower show, attracting an extra

100,000 visitors. Improving Manage Changes introduced include. Government - The Next Steps civil service committee (Sta-

Dead parrots fly off with a happy grin

he Liberal Democrats can live with the jokes about dead and now twitching parrots. When your opponents feel the need to insult you, you are back in the game, and Paddy Ashdown's band of 20 are ending the parliamentary session with grins on their faces.

They had the best of the party conference season. They won Easthourne. And their opinion poll standing is almost triple what it was in January. Today, Mr Ashdown and his colleagues will meet at the National Liberal Club for an all-day session to plan

their election strategy, opening with a presentation from Des Wilson, their campaign director. Mr Ashdown will argue for the "Five E's" of edutoral reform. Europe and the market economy to become the "Three plus two". Full participation in Europe and electoral reform, he will suggest, should be presented as the two essentials from which the necessary improve-ments on the others may be obtained. But tactically he will conclude that what is required for Liberal Demo-

crat advance is for the anti-Tory tide to continue and for Labour to be seen not as a threat but as a plastic party incapable of making firm choices. Leading Liberal Democrats believe that

the Alliance suffered in 1987 because too many people became frightened of a Lab-our government and reverted to supporting the Tories to keep them out. So the Liberal Democrats will not be playing the reds under the beds card. Their tactical aim will be to present Labour as vacuous rather than threatening.

All the parties would like to know just what Eastbourne means in terms of third party revival. Before them today the Liberal Democrat MPs will have a study commissioned from the Oxford psephologist, Michael Hart, assessing the lessons of that by-election success.

Mr Hart's conclusion is interesting. His paper says: "Even if the Liberal Democrats'

vote declines nationally at the next election, it could still increase in the seats where the party lies second to the Tories particularly where it is clearly second and

has a strong base in local government" Mr Hart says that the near 19 per cent fall in the Tory vote at Eastbourne was more than in any by-election in the last Parliament except Brecon and Radnor. Hepoints out that the Eastbourne Liberal Democrats had consistently polled nearly as well as the Tories in local government. And he highlights the willingness of Labour voters in Eastbourne to

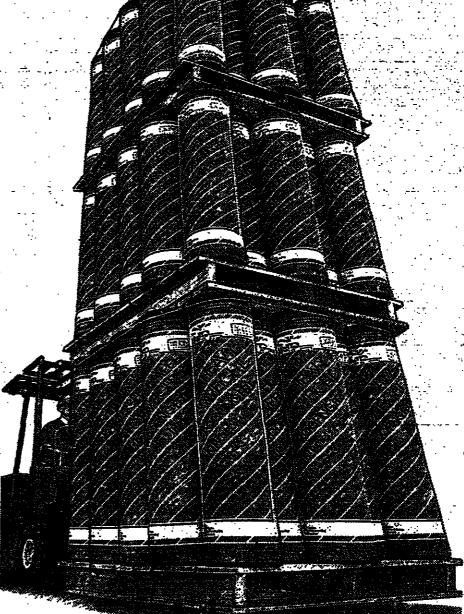
transfer to the Liberal Democrats despite Labour's strong lead in national opinion polls. His research establishes that a practice evident in Scotland at the 1987 general election has now spread to England. Supporters of parties lying third in Tory seats have shown a greater propensity than at any time since 1945 to switch to the second-placed party in parliamentary by-elec-tions. Looking at the 1987 results Mr Hart finds: There is a clear correlation between an increased

1987 second-placed Alliance vote and a declining third-placed Labour vote".

Mr Hart has identified 18 seats which he says the Liberal Democrats can win at the next election even if their vote levels out at about 15 per cent nationally, with the implication that we shall see a significant increase in tactical voting at the next general election if the Liberal Democrats get their targeting right.

enneth Baker may be dancing a moderate jig at the possibility of a Liberal Democrat revival seeing Margaret Thatcher home by splitting the anti-Conservative vote as in 1983 and 1987, but it may not work that way. The Liberal Democrats could well be helping to dismantle Mrs Thatcher's majority, in the process building thenselves enough influence to count for something in a hung

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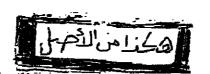
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Moldavians 'storm border posts' in protest over troops

der posts on the Soviet normal frontier with Romania to demand the withdrawal of by far the most serious re-Soviet interior ministry troops Soviet interior ministry troops ported in the week-long crisis from the south of the republic, in the republic, coincided with The reports, from Tass, said the opening of the self-styled that more than 3,000 Molda-parliament of the "Gagauz vians had stormed two border checkpoints early in the morn- to this parliament, which were ing, threatening to kill the held last Thursday in three guards and cross to Romania southern regions of Moldavia, for assistance unless their that precipitated the latest demands were met.

A group of Moldavian of-ficials, including a deputy prime minister, Konstantin Oborok, and the co-chairman of the nationalist Popular Front organisation, Mikhai Gimpu, were said to have flown to the border by belicopter to negotiate an end to would have reason to drama-the blockade. Latest reports tise such incidents. The south-

ister of the Russian Federation, vowed yesterday that Russia would start im-

Russia would start implementing the "500-day"

plan for a rush to the market

economy from today. This

was the date agreed by the

Russian parliament last

resolution, was passed almost

unanimously at a special late

sitting of the Russian par-

liament last night. But the

wording of the resolution and

Mr Silayev's introduction gave little confidence that the

Russian leadership was either

ready or willing to proceed

without the co-operation of

Two weeks ago the Soviet

parliament approved President Gorbachev's final pro-

gramme for the switch to a

market economy, which com-

bines tight fiscal control from

the centre, but leaves the

republics and local govern-

ments free to decide many

ourstions of social and eco-

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Mr Silayev's decision,

was formalised in a

MOLDAVIAN nationalist say that the blockade has been west of Moldavia is populated volunteers were reported yes- suspended, but the border mainly by christianised ethnic terday to have blockaded bor- points have not returned to

> The incidents, which were Republic". It was the elections unrest and aroused fears of

> civil war in the region. Tass reports from Moldavia cannot be verified. No iournalist, Soviet or foreign, has been allowed into the region, and if Moscow was contemplating tougher action against Moldavian activists it

conflicts in many respects with Russia's "500-day"

scheme, and one of the archi-

tects of that scheme, a Russian

deputy premier, Grigori

Yavlinsky, resigned his post,

saying that Russia would find

it impossible to proceed alone.

sian Federation government,

with the likely support of the

Russian president, Boris

Yeltsin (who is currently

recuperating from a car ac-

cident in the southern resort of

Kislovodsk) have spent the

past two weeks trying to

devise ways in which the

"500-day" programme could

The wording of yesterday's

resolution indicates that Mr

Silayev's pledge to proceed with the "500 days" is little

none the less be continued.

Other members of the Rus-

Russia vows race

to market economy

From Mary Dejevsky in moscow

IVAN Silayev, the prime min- nomic policy. The programme

and determined. Gagauz representatives were reported to have appealed to Moscow for protection, and interior ministry troops were mobilised and sent to the Gagauz region. At that point, the whole area was sealed off, and all journalists

Turks, or Gagauz, who de-

clared their region an indepen-

claimed that their action was a

among the ethnic Romanians

who populate the rest of Moldavia and who dominate

the republic's party and gov-

ernment organs.
When last week's elections

in the south began, several thousand Moldavian volun-

teers mustered in the republic

capital, Kishiney, and trav-

elled in a fleet of buses to the

edge of the Gaganz area in an attempt to halt the elections.

Some had firearms, but most

were armed with sticks, metal

bars and other primitive

weapons. According to wit-

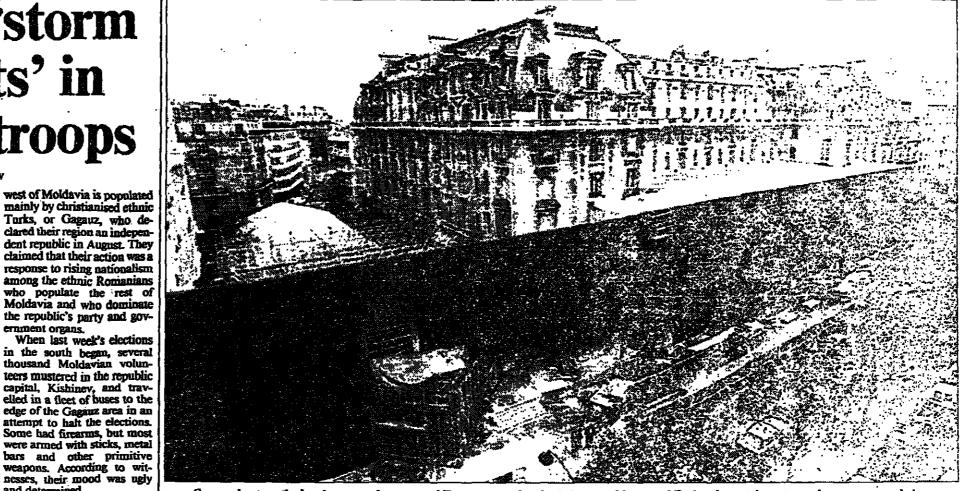
nesses, their mood was ugly

were kept out.

There is still confusion about the role and purpose of the interior ministry troops and to whose they are subordinate. When first mobilised, official reports said they had been placed at the disposal of the Moldavian government by the Soviet government at the request of the Moldavian parliament. It was later reported, however, that they were under the overall command of Yuri Shatalin, who is commander of the interior

ministry troops. The fact that the militants who stormed the border checkpoints yesterday were demanding the withdrawal of these troops suggests that they are under central, not republic, command, or at least that this is how they are perceived. This means that they could become the target of attacks from Moldavian and Gagauz

more than a gesture and that the Russian leadership has, in nationalists. fact, chosen to follow the first The Moldavian communist of the three options outlined party leadership yesterday broke its silence to express by Mr Yeltsin two weeks ago. That was to go along with the central programme, in so far "serious concern" over the deteriorating situation in the as it did not conflict directly republic and call for the return with the Russian programme. of all Moldavian volunteers.



Screened out: as the barriers come down around Europe, a new barricade is erected in central Paris, where stringent security measure are being introduced at the Kleber conference centre for a gathering of heads of state at the CSCE European security conference later this month

German court puts limit on franchise

From Ian Murray IN BONN

ONLY Germans can vote in German elections, the Constitutional Court in Karlsruhe ruled unanimously yesterday. The decision, based on a strict interpretation of what was West Germany's Basic Law, provoked immediate calls for the law to be amended before it is adopted as the constitution of all Germany.

The court had been asked to rule on the issue by the Christian Democrats, their Bavarian sister party the Christian Social Union, and the state of Bavaria itself after the Social Democrat governments in both Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein decided to allow certain categories of forcigners to vote in local elections.

Hamburg had agreed to grant the vote to all foreigners of good character who had lived in the city for at least stein was prepared to give the vote to citizens of all those places which allow foreigners to take part in their elections, including Ireland, the Scandinavian countries and

Switzerland. But the Consitutional Court decided that to enfranchise anyone who was not a German would run counter to the principle that the state is created by its own people. According to the court the word people does not include the totality of those who are concerned with the decisions of the executive power but only Staatsvolk, the people of the state itself.

Hamburg and Schleswig-Holstein immediately declared the court ruling morally wrong and will press for amendments to the Basic Law. They argue that it is particularly undemocratic to deprive other European Community citizens of the right to vote.

Cuomo takes the campaign stage in style of a would-be president

Washington. It is a role that as potential winners and no- Democratic chairman. ield Mr Cuomo has played ever body embodies them better him last time round: "We

IF POLITICAL reporters appointed presidential candidates, the race for 1992 would be almost over: Mario Cuomo, the governor of New York state, would already have secured the Democratic nomination and be closing in

on the White House. With politicians more reviled as a class than they have been for years, and voters in record numbers likely to he said spurn next Tuesday's mid-term elections, the "Mario Scenario", as it became known in 1988, is back in

vogue. Although he faces only token opposition next week from a challenger who has been disowned by his own Republican party, Mr Cuomo has been campaigning vigorously in the tones of a national politician. In 1988 the script had it that

Mr Cuomo, the articulate, passionate, but reluctant New York Democrat would be coopted by a squabbling party to replace the political dwarfs then vying for the presidential

have needed a counterpoint to themes of compassion and

since he enraptured the party with a speech at the San Francisco convention of 1984. Then, at the height of Reaganism, he struck a decidedly un-Eighties note: "We must get the American public to look past the glitter, beyond the showmanship to reality, to the hard substance of things,"

With his eloquence and sense of destiny, Mr Cuomo, now aged 58, is seen by many outside New York state as the "UnBush", a leader above politics and, above all, one who has the "vision thing". Until the past couple of months, however, wisdom held that the governor would be wasting his time in a race against a popular incumbent Republican in 1992. America, it was held would not take kindly to another northeastern

Dukakis. That has changed with this autumn's swing of mood, mantle. In the event Mr provoked by jitters over the disavowed election promise. Since then political junkies and the damage done to Mr have looked to Albany, the Bush's authority by the budget state capital, whenever they debacle. The old liberal and west glimpse his strength that last New York governor

ethnic so soon after Michael

than Mr Cuomo, a New York don't like Marios in Texas, trial lawyer and champion of

he is guaranteed re-election to his governor's seat, he has been campaigning with corrosive attacks on the Bush administration. With the righteous fury of a vindicated prophet, he has been expounding on the profligacy of the 1980s. America is fighting for survival, he says. "Between Iraq and a hard place. I don't see a solution, but I think

his hat into the ring. Although

there are some things you'd better do," he said recently. Over the past month he has begun using his humble Italian origins as an asset. "Can you imagine me in white shoes and tennis racket saying 'Read my hips, I went to Yale"?" he asked at a gathering of Italian supporters last month after the Ivy League President Bush made the pun on his now

able obstacle once the south

and we don't like Everalians the underdog and we don't like New York-This time Mr Cuomo looks and we like cojones and we as if he may decide to throw can hear yours clanking from a

mile away. There are many snags to the Mark 2 Mario Scenario, stemming from what critics see as arrogance and aloofness. And then there is the big question of his record. Captivated by his candour and intelligence, the national media have so far exempted his eight years as governor from the usual scrutiny. He has repeatedly vetoed the return of capital punishment at a time when crime is at an historic high and, to the fury of the Catholic Church, to which he belongs, having been Jesuit-trained, he has supported abortion rights.

But, overall, his actions have proved more cautious than his rhetoric, and he is now coming under fire for failing to stem the slide of the state economy.

Nevertheless, at present Cuomo supporters see his reckoning. Mr Cuomo looks background as a surmount- well placed for a crack at following in the footsteps of of character. As Robert to reach the White House, the cant and compromises of social justice have resurfaced Strauss, the former national Franklin D. Roosevelt.



Vaihingen near Stuttpart, where resurgent neo-nazis have daubed swastikas

MOSCOW NOTEBOOK by Mary Dejevsky

Perestroika idols are toppled

n the cold and rainy summer of 1987, when perestroika and its watchword the "human factor" first started to gain currency, the man of the moment was one Dmitri Likhanov, a journalist and public figure, who led a tear-jerking cam-paign to improve the lot of Soviet orphans. The campaign stemmed from a book, now made into a film, about the wretched childhood of an orphan in Stalin's Russia, and scarcely a day went by without articles describing the still disgraceful state of children's homes. The fruit of the campaign was the Lenin All-Union Children's Fund to which roubles flowed in their millions. Dmitri

Three years and two months on, Mr Likhanov is being vilified. Three of the fund's staff are on hunger strike, calling for a parliamentary com-mission to investigate its affairs. Many more sympathise with them. Mr Likhanov is accused of making the fund into just another arm of the state apparatus, and of concentrating on fund-raising and campaigning at the expense of the children the fund was supposed to help.

Likhanov became its president.

e accuses his errant staff of resorung to ultimatums before the possibilities of dialogue had been exhausted. The dispute, to which no solution is yet in sight, threatens the future of the first large charity to be established in the Soviet Union since the Bolshevik revolution. Mr Likhanov is not the only hero of Derestroika to have fallen from his Pedestal. If there is one piece of news has depressed Russians even Pore than the austerities forecast in esident Gorbachev's economic re-

it is confirmation that the

Anatoli

Kashpirovsky and his family have emigrated to Poland.

Kashpirovsky — he is universally referred to by his surname only - was idolised by millions of Russians for his calming late-night television performances. With circling hand gestures and the penetrating gaze of his startlingly blue eyes, he adjured careworn Russians to relax, cast off their anger and be kind to their neighbours.

Strangely, perhaps, Kashpirovsky's choice of Poland for his new home has distressed people as much, if not more. than the fact of his emigration. There is a ready understanding of why someone successful might want to emigrate to the West; but to Poland?

Sychotherapy may be above price in these dark days, but more mundane commodities are not. A few weeks ago the Moscow McDonald's hamburger restaurant tamous for having the largest waitingtime to eating-time ratio - doubled its prices and the queue has been halved. Researchers have long asked them-selves whether the deprived Soviet consumer is price-sensitive; now they have their answer.

While many Muscovites decided that £10 was too much to spend on a Big Mac, they were less keen to go without their home-produced French fries. Three weeks ago they were told that unless they went out to the farms to pick the potatoes themselves, the bulk of the crop would have to be ploughed back into the ground and Moscow would face a potato famine.

In a quiet way the self-help idea caught on. The weekend before last, 30,000 people were reported to have gone potato-picking. Alas, so permanently stretched is the city's economy that modest success in one area immediately transfers the strain to

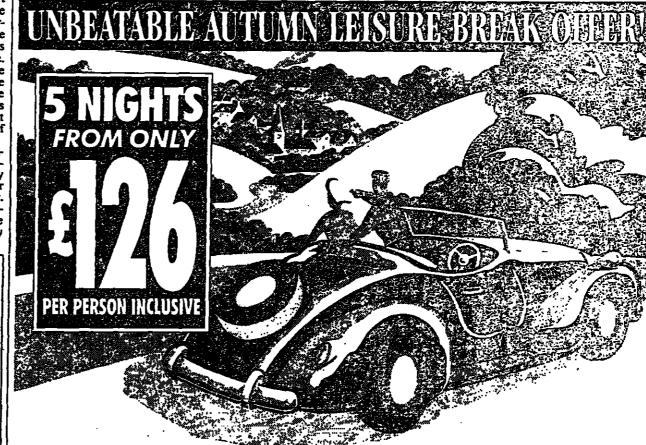
public transport was being reduced by 10 per cent because buses had been requisitioned to ferry the amateur polato-pickers to the farms. The 10 per cent reduction, however, even if it really is only 10 per cent, need not mean just a longer wait.

Some key bus routes have simply been cancelled. Scrappy notices tied to bus stops say: "In connection with the emergency measures to gather in the vegetable harvest, bus route No. X has been abolished." There are suspicions



that the word "abolished" means exactly that, and the vegetable harvest is merely a more popular way of saying "the fuel shortage", which is already causing long queues at petrol stations and flight cancellations.

The nationwide preoccupation with potatoes this autumn has spawned a new joke: What would happen, it asks, if the Warsaw Pact were crossed with Nato? The answer, uttered without malice and with just a sliver of hope, is: the Bundeswehr would organise the Moscow potato harvest.



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Egypt rejects Gorbachev's call for Arab Gulf summit

From Michael Theodoulou in nicosia

EGYPT, clearly suspicious of Soviet motives, yesterday rejected a call by President Gorbachev for an emergency Arab summit on the Gulf, which it said would only lead to a showdown between Arab

Responding to fears that war might be closer, President Mubar-ak sent his foreign minister to Jedda for urgent talks with the foreign ministers of Syria and Saudi Arabia, the other key players in the Arab anti-Iraq alliance. Jordan's tireless King Husain, meanwhile, flew to Oman for what was billed as a new peace drive.

President Mubarak said the recent second round of Middle East shuttle diplomacy by the Soviet special envoy, Yevgeni Primakov, had produced no clear results and that, without anything specific to discuss, an Arab summit would degenerate into a showdown between those leaders who support Iraq and those who are opposed to it.

"If we are going to call an Arab summit while there is no clear vision, it will be a summit of insults. We reject a summit of insults," he told reporters. "We would like to ask if the Soviet envoy managed to reach something definite so that we can hold an Arab summit to discuss something specific. We have not been

Similar fears were expressed in the leading Syrian newspaper, Tishreen. The summit call, it said, is only an attempt to prolong the crisis and clear the way for the only remaining solution, the military option, which is a devastating

'European terror union' uncovered

Amsterdam - Dutch extremists have forged links with foreign terror groups to create a "West European revolutionary front aimed at sabotaging preparations for European union in 1992, according to a secret report by the Central Criminal Intelligence Unit (Mark Fuller writes).

The study, leaked to De Telegraaf here, suspects that "antiimperialists" from squarter and anti-apartheid groups, are co-ordinating plans with the IRA, Eta in Spain, and the German Red Army Faction. The police have evidence that three IRA suspects - who will go on trial here at the nber in connection with the murder of two Australians - set up a base in The Hague with the help of a Dutch student.

Detroit fire spree

Detroit - Firefighters were out throughout this city battling random fires started by arsonists on Devil's Night, the city's annual fire spree on the eve of Halloween. However, about 35,000 volunteers patrolled the streets and police said the number of arrests was down on last year. (AFP)

Sentence upheld

Paris - The Appeal Court here upheld a 20-year sentence on Tunisian-born Fouad Saleh, aged 32, convicted in connection with a wave of bombings in the French capital in 1985 and 1986 that killed 13 people and wounded more than 250. The court also confirmed verdicts against several of his accomplices. (AFP)

Satellite found

Washington ~ An American spy satellite that was believed to have suffered catastrophic failure and broken apart soon after its launch in March has been spotted 503 miles high by amateur astronomers. It apparently has been there all along, said one, who determined it was the secret payload put into orbit from the space shuttle Atlantis on March 1. (AP)

Liberia looting

Abidian - Looting by remnants of former president Samuel Doe's army has stopped food distribution in war-ravaged Monrovia, where people are dying of starvation, say relief workers. They added that the soldiers were roaming the Liberian capital again after starting to co-operate with a West African task force sent to stop the war. (.4P)

Moi attacks BBC

Nairobi - President Moi of Kenya lambasted the BBC for what he described as lies and hostility against the country. He was quoted as expressing concern over hostility shown to Kenya by the BBC". A BBC spokesman said that any complaints against particular reports would be considered. (Reuter)

Dissident freed

Peking - Wang Ruowang, a dissident Chinese writer jailed after the June 1989 repression of dissent, has been released in Shanghai, a government official said. The writer, aged 72, was awaiting resolution of his case, the official added. (Reuter)

option that will only bring catastrophe to the Arabs'

The Soviet leader said there was a slight change in lead's position following Mr Primakov's trip to Baghdad, and on Monday called for an inter-Arab meeting as the best way of ending the Gulf confrontation. The official Soviet news agency said Mr Primakov had left iraq empty-handed. A leading Egyptian newspaper

spoke openly about its suspicions of the Soviet stand. Ibrahim a confidant of President Mubarak, said Moscow's call for an Arab summit was an attempt to disguise Mr Primakov's diplomatic failure "serves Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's strategy of stalling in the belief that time is on

He added: "Can an Arab summit meeting achieve what the whole world has failed to do? Or does the Soviet Union want the Arab summit to give false legitimacy to the Iraqi occupation of Kuwait? And does the Soviet Union want us to pressure Kuwait

to give up part of its territories?"
This fear was one of several believed to have prompted the sudden and unscheduled meeting yesterday in Jedda of the Egyptian, Saudi and Syrian foreign ministers whose countries spearhead the Arab military build-up in the Gulf.

All three are concerned that Iraq may be driving a wedge between permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, with the United States and Britain taking a tough and uncompromising stand and the Soviet Union and France raising vague possibilities of a compromise solution.

The foreign ministers were also expected to discuss the growing rift in the Arab world and the possible divisions between their governments and peoples if war breaks out in the Guif.

A sudden spate of attacks on the United States in the Syrian media during the past week, the first since Damascus agreed to despatch troops to the Gulf in August, were seen as intended for domestic consumption. Western diplomats believe 80 per cent of Syrians sympathise with Iraq. Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia are keen to see the power of President Saddam neutralised but fear war as much as his survival. Their foreign ministers were expected to

work on a common action plan. Adopting a more conciliatory tone to Baghdad than he has used in recent weeks, President Mubarak said he was willing to help lraq in negotiations about its claims with Kuwait, but only after it withdrew from the emirate.

King Husain of Jordan, who has the most to lose from a war in the Gulf, embarked on another round of diplomacy yesterday, leaving for two days of talks in Muscat with Sultan Qaboos of Oman, who is the current chairman of the sixnation Gulf Co-operation Council, a body that would play a key role in any settlement.

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Dry run: Israeli conscripts of the elite Givati Brigade making a practice beach landing on the Mediterranean coast near Ashqelon yesterday in a manoeuvre near the end of their training

'Gucci kingdom' on its knees as sanctions take heavy toll

From Christopher Walker in amman

JORDAN, once referred to as "the Gucci kingdom" because of the conspicuous consumption of the richer of its 3.4 million inhabitants, has been brought economically to its knees by the first three months of the Gulf confrontation. Although Germany, Japan and

the United States have pledged aid, government officials claimed vesterday that so far not a penny has been paid. Foreign reserve are close to zero and Basil Jardaneh, the finance minister, has said that if help is not received soon it will be impossible to convince a sceptical public of the continued need for imposing sanctions against fraq.

To the undisguised fury of many Palestinians, 60 per cent of the population, these are now being scrupulously adhered to in every area except oil, 40,000 barrels a day of which are still

being imported from Iraq.
The road north to the Iraqi border from Jordan's Red Sea port of Agaba, once carrying 50 sanctions-breaking lorries an hour, is occasional lorry bringing back the belongings of one of the 100,000 Jordanian expatriates who have returned from Iraq or Kuwait.

Alternate street lights along the desert highway are now switched off as part of energy-saving mea-sures introduced after Saudi Arabia cut oil supplies to punish Jordan for its pro-traci stance. In Amman, shops and all other

commercial establishments, with the exception of pharmacies, bakeries, clinics and petrol stations, now close early on government orders. The official weekend has been extended to take in Thursday and Friday, and during the week places of entertainment must close and all neon signs be turned off in the early evening.

"As winter and probably war approaches, there is a psychological feeling of gloom which is matched by the darkness in the street," said one Palestinian shopkeeeper, a strong supporter of President Saddam Hussein whose portrait, with those of King Husain and Yassir Arafat, adorns

except for the tankers and the his window, as it does many buildings in Jordan. No area of daily life remains unaffected by the conflict. "We are

drifting towards disaster," the king said recently. Friends say he has grown more depressed as chances of a settlement slip away. A United Nations envoy estimated that the conflict could cost Jordan \$4 billion (£2 billion) by the end of 1991. Unemployment is expected to double from its

present level of 20 per cent. Mr Jardaneh said that if financial aid did not arrive quickly it would be hard to keep supplying "basic human needs". There are real fears that resentment could spill on to the streets.

Recent visitors to Baghdad claim that with the end of petrol rationing there, sanctions are now hitting Jordan harder than Iraq. The US State Department, increasingly impatient with what it regards as the king's position on the fence, is unsympathetic. "Shut it all down (trade with Iraq) and the aid will come fairly quickly," a spokesman said in Washington.

Israel fears Syria is weak link in anti-Iraq alliance

From Richard Owen in jerusalem

cracks were appearing in the coalition against President Saddam Hussein of Iraq just as hostilities in the Gulf appeared to be more likely, if not imminent. Officials identified Syria as the weak link". They said that, in spite of that country's obvious gains from participation in the anti-Iraq alliance, including "a relatively free hand in Lebanon", there had been indications from Damascus that, if Israel were involved in hostilities, President Assad would put aside his hatred of President Saddam and align himself with Baghdad after all.

General Amos Gilboa, a former senior officer in Israeli military intelligence, said Israel had monitored a distinct sharpening of anti-American and anti-Israeli rhetoric in Damascus over the past few days, Syrian officials had stated clearly that Syria would have no choice but to side with Iraq if an Iraqi-Israeli front

Opened up.
"In any case, I more than doubt whether either Syria or Egypt would take part in any offensive action in Kuwait," General Gil-boa told a press briefing. "The most they would do is take up defensive positions in Saudi Arabia." He said President Assad was dragging his feet over his promise to President Bush to send a Syrian armoured brigade to Saudi Arabia. leave Syria for the Gulf, but their tanks, armoured personnel carriers and artillery had so far remained in Syria. Damascus had dispatched only "two to three commando battalions".

Yossi Olmert, head of the government press office and a leading Israeli expert on the Arab world, said Saudi Arabia, the exiled government of Kuwait and the Western nations had made a huge error in providing Syria with money as a "reward" for its participation in the anti-fraq co-alition. He put the total funds so far made available to Syria at \$3 billion (£1.5 billion).

"Syria would have joined the coalition in any case, for its own reasons," Mr Ölmert said. "Giving it large amounts of money has only enabled Syria to buy weapons it could no longer afford because of the withdrawal of Soviet military support. We are in danger of creating a new Middle East monster so soon after creating the monster of Saddam Hussein. This is very short-sighted.".

Diplomats said Israel clearly feared that the determination of the US to preserve its anti-Saddam coalition at all costs would in the long term lead to a pro-Arab tilt in Washington and a devaluation of the traditional American alliance with Israel. Israeli officials habitually refer, with ill-disguised contempt, to the

so-called anti-traq coalition". General Gilboa said Syria had repeatedly made it clear that, despite the anti-Baghdad coalition and the loss of Soviet support for Damascus, it was not turning into an American ally. Syria was not interested in a formal peace with Israel, with the Israeli flag flying in Damascus as it now did in Cairo. Instead, President Assad wanted the return of the Golan Heights and, at best, a state of "non-belligerence" with Israel Syria remained an aggressive, radical

ISRAEL yesterday claimed that and "anti-imperialist" Arab state, he said.

But the United States had been willing to overlook such realities because of its overwhelming desire to keep Syria in the coalition, General Gilboa added. Syria's reputation as the most nationalist of Arab states gave the coalition "an Arabic colouring" that it would lack if Damascus withdrew. Asked why President Assad would risk the gains be had so far won by questioning or undermining the alliance, General Gilboa and Mr Olmert said the Syrian leader might fear that Mr Bush was hesitant about going to war and 'needed a push"

The Syrian nightmare was that the United States would fail to act and President Saddam would emerge triumphant, leaving Damascus at the mercy of the Iraqi dictator economically, politically and even militarily.

Officials said Syria's gains so far included not only aid for its faltering economy but the ability to operate with impunity in Lebanon with tacit US approval. A further gain was the re-emer-gence of President Assad as an important player on the Middle

Hopes rise as militias agree to quit Beirut

battle over

وعاسية فرهواك

From MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA

LEBANON'S warring militias, which have controlled the country for the past 15 years, have buckled to Syrian pressure and agreed to pull out of Beirut, leaving the army in control of the capital and allowing the government to implement the first stage of last year's Arab League peace plan.

in a related development, two rival Shia militias, the Syrianbacked Amal and the pro-Iranian Hezbollah, agreed to end their bloody three-year conflict, which has claimed more than 1,000 lives, with a peace settlement sponsored by Damascus and Tehran.

After intensive talks at Syrian army headquarters late on Tuesday, leaders of the two militias agreed to exchange prisoners and lift blockades against villages in southern Lebanon. Many ceasefire agreements between the two miitias have collapsed but there was confidence the latest would hold because of the Syrian and Iranian

The Lebanese Forces, a Christian militia which was stronger and better coundred than the Lebanese army, was the latest to announce it would withdraw from Beirut, and all-the powerful militias have agreed to leave the capital.

Hussein Husseini, the parliamentary speaker, told Al-Khaleei, a newspaper in Sharjah: We are on the doorstep of a final breakthrough. The green light to solve the crisis has been given." Moves to implement the Arab League plan followed the Syrianbacked removal of Michel Aoun, the rebel Christian leader, nearly three weeks ago. It is believed that Washington tacitly approved the move after Damascus sent troops to join the US-led multinational

forces in the Gulf.

The security plan for greater Beirut is seen as the first step to extending government control over the whole of Lebanon. The Syrian-backed government of President Hrawi hopes to absorb many of the fighters from the various militias into a new national army while their leaders may be given posts in a cabinet of national reconciliation. "No weapons will remain, but that of the legal authority. All the armed groups will be dishanded," Albert Mansour, the defence minister,

However, none of the most powerful militias has agreed to disarm or disband and many Lebanese believe peace might stop at the gates of greater Beirut. After 15 years of civil war, sectarian rivalries run deep and many old scores remain to be settled.

UN move links Kuwait with Palestinian issue

By Andrew McEwen, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

avoid it, the wording of the latest United Nations resolution on Kuwait has inadvertently re-inforced parallels with the Arab-Israeli conflict in the occupied

Resolution 674, passed by the security council on Monday, invites countries to compile information on grave breaches of international law governing the rights of civilians under occupation. The resolution will lead to the drawing up of a list of human rights abuses by Iraqis against Kuwaitis and others and could at some future time result in legal, action against those responsible. The resolution is based partly

DESPITE the best efforts of on the Fourth Geneva Conven-Britain and the United States to tion of 1949, which imposed on occupying powers a duty to pro-tect civilians. Individual Iraqis could be prosecuted in courts of any country which has signed the convention.

Most nations have always recognised that the Geneva convention applies to the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, but security council resolu-tions on that conflict have taken a less systematic approach to alleged human rights violations. Britain and America regard abuses in Kuwait as being far graver than those in the occupied territories, but Palestinian sources believe their sufferings have been undervalued.

UN promises justice for all when the dust of battle clears

By MARC WELLER

TO THE victor the spoils is the maxim that has controlled the outcome of wars for centuries. It has generally been associated with unjust peace settlements giving rise to resentment, national outrage and more war. Against this background Britain's proposal to serve notice on Iraq that it will be required to pay reparations for its aggression against Kuwait had a mixed response at the United

Nations Britain was successful, however, in including a significant paragraph concerning reparations in the latest resolution on the Gulf crisis which allows full redress for Kuwait and third countries, and for companies and individuals who have suffered as a result of the

invasion. The idea of holding Iraq responsible for the outrages it is committing against Kuwait, its citizens and foreign companies and nationals is aimed at convincing Baghdad that further destruction

and looting in Kuwait does not make sense, since Iraq will in the end have to pay.

Home comforts: US airman Kurtis Crawford tucking into barbecaed chicken beside a plastic

pumpkin during a Halloween party for troops in eastern Sandi Arabia as Iraq went on alert

The case for reparations can also stand on its own in terms of law. The security council has determined unanimously that a breach of the peace has taken place, that it was committed by Iraq, and that it must be reversed. This departs from the maxim since, this time, a neutral body with supreme jurisdiction over matters of peace and security has made the decision of who is the guilty party.

The obligation to pay reparations for the unlawful use of force is well established. In 1949 the International Court of Justice awarded £843,947 to Britain after it found that Albania had been responsible for the loss of life and damage to two British destroyers which struck mines in the Corfu Channel. More recently, in 1986, the World Court affirmed that "the United States of America is under an obligation to make reparations for all injury caused to

Nicaragna" when it condemned Washington's military and paramilitary activities against that

Ironically, when Israel bombed Iraq's Osirak I nuclear reactor in June 1981, Baghdad was considered by the security council "entitled to appropriate redress for the destruction it has suffered". Kuwaiti embassies abroad have encouraged their nationals to col-

lect evidence of any damage. Britain, too, has urged its nationals and companies to register claims with the Foreign Office. London has been trying to tempt the neutral and non-aligned nations, which are reluctant to support "punitive" measures against Iraq, to support the principle of reparations by making them the main beneficiary of a possible compensation package,

the oil-price rise and loss of trade with Baghdad. These exercises in arithmetic

and some them are rumoured to

have started calculating the dam-

ages they have incurred through

may well have an air of unreality. Exhausted by the bloody conflict with Iran, it was Baghdad which demanded a suspension of the repayment of its war debts to Kuwait and other Gulf states before it began hostilities in a fairly desperate gamble. Economic sanctions will have dealt the death blow to the Iraqi economy, and Baghdad has only limited assets abroad which could be used to

The large variety of possible claimants would make this a very complicated case indeed. The US-Iran claims tribunal, which was set up to satisfy claims arising out of the turmoil in Iran from 1979 onwards, is still sitting in The Hague, and its purview has been limited by comparison.

Nevertheless, the tribunals set up after the world wars dem-onstrate that the task is not impossible. Since the countries which are suffering disproportionate hardship as a result of the sanctions against Iraq can already apply to the security council for

assistance, their requirements could be assessed fairly easily. Individual claims could be evalvated by their national governments which would then put forward a demand for a lump-sum settlement, or there could be arbitration fribunals. Iraq would be required to make payments into a fund from which the awards of such tribunals would be

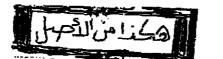
satisfied.

However, should President Saddam Hussein reverse the aggression, it is uncertain whether the international community would have the will to keep sanctions in place until Bashdad also agrees to pay reparations. On the other hand, a military victory in Kuwait would probably lead to the establishment of a new political structure in Baghdad, and it would be the Iraqi population, and not its corrupt regime, which would be presented with a very

large bill likely to cripple the economy for decades. The demand for reparations would also give rise to the allegation of hypocrisy. Damages on the scale contemplated have not been paid since the second world war, and there might have been several suitable candidates including both superpowers, who were involved in a number of dirty wars, such as those in Vietnam and Afghanistan.

But the idea of reparations has too much to commend it to be rejected on the basis of such objections. It is precisely the fact that we are now, hopefully, witnessing the inauguration of a new age of collective security which would demand that compensation be paid in cases of aggression. Such a precedent would be an important constitutional block of the new order: the international community would demonstrate that appression does not pay.

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Shadow of violence hangs over troubled Indian communities

From Christopher Thomas in karnail gani

HINDU and Muslim market bare feet of a dhoti-clad Hindu intolerance among the young, bances and deaths around the policeman said. "We must disputed unused mosque in crush such people." the holy city of Ayodhya in

affairs in every town and hamlet where Hindus and Muslims live together in northern India. Not since independence has there been greater uncertainty or fear. Police checkpoints block stormed the disputed mosque both ends of the narrow main road in the village. Vijai This dispute (over the Srivastava, deputy superinmosque) has some impact, but Srivastava, deputy superin-tendent of police for the it is not the main cause of district, is stabbing with his

The youth, a fish seller from Uttar Pradesh. As they went a nearby village, said he made about their business of selling up the stories because he got locally grown vegetables in drunk. He obviously knew he stiff silence, large numbers of was in for a police thrashing. police with rifles watched over he cringed and bowed in them, so explosive was the supplication. The tiny cells of mosphere. the local police station are This is now the state of already jammed full, so at fairs in every town and least he would be freed after his beating.

Mr Srivastava said his job had become extremely diffi-cult. Tension was high after thousands of Hindu militants tension," he said. "The main

The Press Trust of India

said troops were patrolling

continued in Baroda, Broach

Three people were killed in

and Panch Mahals districts.

news agency said.

month-old

Pitched battles raged be-

gions in the province. The

trouble started during a gen-

eral strike called by the pro-

Hindu Bharatiya Japata Party,

which withdrew its vital par-

liamentary backing for the 11-

Death toll rises in battle over mosque

From AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN DELHI

TEN more people were reported killed yesterday after the attempt by Hindus to tear down a disused mosque at formidable shield around the tiny town to try to halt Hindu infiltration.

One Hindu activist leaving Avodhya and build a temple the town said without elabon the site. The latest deaths orating: "We have made a were reported from the states compromise with our leaders of Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, and so we are going back." Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh, where sporadic violence continued despite the curfew-bound areas of Ahheavy deployment of police medabad, Gujarat's main city, and paramilitary forces. It was while an indefinite curfew not known whether the dead

were Hindus or Muslims. In Kashmir hundreds of Hindus took to the streets in a spate of stabbings in Luckseveral cities and towns, stoning security forces during a general strike to protest against security forces firing on the Hindu activists who stormed the mosque. The Press Trust of India said police shot dead an arsonist in Gujarat's Godhra region yesterday. Three people were killed in overnight violence

Twenty-four people have died in the western coastal state since widespread vi- tween security forces and olence erupted between Hin- Hindu activists in Jammu, dus and Muslims early on Tuesday. The clashes were an aftermath of Tuesday's shooting by the security forces at the

One report from Uttar Pradesh said that busioneds of Hindus were yesterday leaving Ayodhya. Officials said more paramilitary forces were deployed in the holy city to guard the disputed shrine, while policemen conducted night-long raids on temples looking for Hindu militants. Armed troopers also formed a

traders in the village of youth, who cries out in pain. whether Hindus or Mushims. Karnail Ganj returned uneas- "He has been spreading false. If one person throws a stone, ily to their stalls yesterday in rumours about atrocities there is a riot. I believe the wake of Tuesday's distur- committed by Muslims," the strongly that unemployment is at the root of it all. I cannot accept that Hindus and Mustions hate each other." The farming community of

Karnail Ganj, whose population of 20,000 is divided almost equally between Hindus and Muslims, exploded in communal violence on September 30 for the first time. Hundreds of burnt-out houses, shops and buildings stand as testimony to three days of fighting. Local Muslim leaders put the death toll at 99, but the police say it was 43.

It is small places like Karnail Ganj, which brim with the bitterness of atrocities, that pose the gravest threat to India's secularism. Extremist Hindu politicians are exploiting and even leading the strife, assisted by armies of paid goondas (thugs). "Most disputes between Hindus and Muslims are petry," Mr Srivastava said, "but politicians whip them up into big fights. The day will come when the common people will get sick of the politicians and slaughter

them. This is my observation

after many years."
He said the September 30 riots began after rumours circulated that Hindus had been killed by Muslims. "Only 5 or 10 per cent of the population want trouble. Most Muslims and Hindus want to live in peace alongside one another, as they always have until recently. There was never any history of communal tension in this area; this is all new. Goondas have become members of parliament and they are playing on the ignorance of the com-

mon people," now, the Uttar Pradesh cap-Casung an eye over his ital, after Hindus set off prisoner, by now sitting qui-etly in the dust awaiting his firecrackers overnight on Tuesday to celebrate the thrashing, he said: "He is a poor fellow. They supplied him with alcohol and he went off and spread these stories. If we had a free hand we would crush these troublemakers in storming of the Ayodhya shrine, officials said. Two people died in street violence in the central Indian city of Indore in Madhya Pradesh. while an unidentified person was stabbed and killed in six months, but the politicians won't let us. All policemen are southern Hyderabad city, the fed up. We are not allowed to do our jobs."

Security forces maintained tight hold over Uttar Pradesh yesterday to prevent Hindu-Muslim clashes, but Kashmir state's winter capital, and other Hindu-majority rethere were outbreaks in several areas. A curfew was imposed in Aligarh, outside Delhi, after several people were killed in stone-throwing incidents. Scores of shops and houses were destroyed in the Sadar Bazaar area of Luckgovernment of now, the state capital, which was practically deserted. Police maintained a heavy presence in Ayodhya, where

Vishwanath Pratap Singh, the prime minister. Security forces made repeated cane charges and used tear gas against violent mobs before firing warning shots in

Dhaka curfew after clashes

From AHMED FAZL

MILITANT Muslims ransacked Hindu temples and looted Hindu businesses and houses in Dhaka and Chittagong as tension grew in Bangladesh yesterday over the Hindu-Muslim mosque dispute at Ayodhya in India, witnesses and police said.

The government imposed an indefinite curfew in Old Dhaka yesterday evening as Mushm mobs demolished temples and looted Hindu-owned businesses in growing communal violence in the capital. Scores of fire appli-ances were rushed to Old Dhaka, which has a large Hindu minority population, as shops were set on fire by Muslim protesters.

A densely populated Hindu district, Shankhari bazaar, was sealed off by riot police and security forces. More than 100 people were arrested for rioting, according to official More than 20,000 Muslim

fundamentalists marched in central Dhaka with green Islamic banners denouncing India and shouting anti-Hindu A fundamentalist news

paper, Ingilab, called for a jihad (holy war) by Muslims against India to protect the disputed mosque in Ayodhya. The authorities also imposed an indefinite curfew in the port city of Chittagong, about 150 miles south of Dhaka, which has a population of four million including a large Hindu minority. Paramilitary troops and riot police patrolled the business and residential districts which had been the scene of Muslim



and a temple was badly dam- alert, local journalists protect minorities, irrespecaged in Chittagong during the reported. attack, which was led by suspected fundamentalist Muslims, according to hospital doctors and residents.

Hindu temples were also damaged in the northern town violence early yesterday. At has been reinforced and army general of the ruling Jatiyo mostly inhabit the southern least 35 people were injured garrisons have been placed on party, said: "We have to part of the country.

calm despite "provocations" squads against communal and urged people to maintain communal harmony. Shah Moazzem Hussain, deputy of Dinjapur, where security prime minister and secretary ten million Hindus who

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Pakistan election victors choose leader

From Reuter IN ISLAMABAD

THE largest party in Pakistan's new national assembly after last week's elections yeterday named Nawaz Sharif as its candidate for prime

minister, the party leader said. Mohammed Khan Junejo, president of the Muslim League, told reporters the party had chosen Mr Sharif to be the leader of its parliamentary group. The league is the main component of the nine-party Islamic Democratic Alliance which trounced Benazir Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party in the elections.

The nomination makes it certain that Mr Sharif will be the next prime minister rather than caretaker prime minister, Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi.

The Islamic Democratic Alliance parliamentary party meets in Islamabad today and is certain to confirm Mr Sharif's candidature, alliance sources said. In Karachi, Miss Bhutto

launched a last-ditch effort yesterday to try to form a province of Sind. "She has received encourae-

ing response from independents and minorities' lead-ers," said lobal Haider, secretary of the People's Democratic Alliance, of which Miss Bhutto's party is the main component. The alliance won 47 of the 100 seats at stake in Sind.

Failure to form the Sind government would leave Miss Bhutto without any power base from where she could regroup her demoralised forces to form an effective opposition.

Hindu zealots were still trying to start building a temple on the site of the ancient mosque. Cambodia factions rebuild image to canvass for votes

From Neil Kelly on the thal-cambodian border

way for elections to be held in Cambodia when peace returns. New political parties are being formed in the refugee camps along the border and are sending emissaries through the minefields to seek

support inside Cambodia.

The communist government in Phnom Penh has begun electioneering too, try-ing to rebuild the party image which has been tarnished by corruption and abuses of power. Ministers and senior officials on countrywide tours are organising anti-Pol Pot rallies to attract support among the younger people who may not remember the murderous years when the Khmer Rouge ruled Cam-bodia. Other candidates are rich émigrés from Paris and the United States who have returned to campaign for a slice of a new nation.

At Site Eight camp 36,000 refugees attached to the Khmer Rouge have been practising for elections by electing camp administrators. Some will run in national elections when the time comes. Son Songhak, aged 31, who lost a leg in a minefield, is a likely candidate. He studies political history when he is not conducting classes in various technical skills. He will have nothing to do with communism. "I want to see liberalism because our nature as Cambodians demands free-

dom," he said. Claiming that the Khmer Rouge gave up communism ten years ago, Seng Sok, the Khmer Rouge camp leader, said their election platform would emphasise democracy and a free-market system. But Son Songhak said he could not guite believe that. The Kinner Rouge seems to be changing but I'm not sure if they've really changed in their hearts," he said.

CAMPAIGNING is under- Pot today prohibits the word communism at political education classes at his "Zone 87" school on the border of Trat province in southeast Thailand. Instead he instructs cadres who take his message into Cambodia to emphasise nationalism, anger over Vietnamese crimes and the key role of the peasantry.

The defectors say nobody expects Pol Pot to run in an election or to hold any public position. They believe the Khmer Rouge, waving a roy-alist banner, will contest the election as "democratic Cambodia", pledging loyalty to



Pol Pot: unlikely to run in any election or hold office

Prince Norodom Sihanouk. the nominal leader of the tripartite resistance coalition, comprising the Khmer Rouge, the Khmer People's National Liberation Front and the Sihanoukists. The people of the Khmer Rouge camps say meetings are often held to endorse the prince's remarks.

Prince Sihanouk is on record as saying the Khmer Rouge will win many seats in the election. According to US intelligence sources, at least 30 per cent of Cambodians will According to defectors, Pol support will be bought. The of war, our soldiers too."

process has already begun; Khmer Rouge guerrillas pay generously for everything they buy from peasants and also provide other help. "Whenever they capture anything they distribute it among the peasants," said Thou Thon, a leader of the non-communist liberation front. An international aid official

working inside Cambodia said people abroad might not want to hear about it but Khmer Rouge personnel behaved themselves, did not molest women and were honest compared with the other factions. That was why they were making political progress.

Diplomatic sources say the Khmer Rouge has virtually unlimited funds from China to use in the election as well as revenue from border trading in gems and timber. The United States will provide campaign funds for the two non-communist factions, according to the same sources. American money is already financing the new Liberal Democratic party which has been established at the front's huge Site 2 camp housing 175,000 refugees.

Thou Thon, one of its leaders, said the party was committed to Western-style democracy. Cadres were at work to "make the people aware of democracy" and also travelled inside Cambodia to spread the word there, he said. Human rights are in all their minds. At mass rallies the

refugees demand categorical

commitments by their leaders

to the UN Human Rights

Charter.

Even in the Khmer Rouge camps people are prepared to speak up against their leaders. "Why can't they agree on a ceasefire and a peace plan," asked Son Songhak. "People's lives depend on it." The per cent of Cambodians will Khmer Rouge leader at the vote for them. Much of that camp said: "Yes we're all tired

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timelessly into the transport infra-

structure, then the tunnel, so far, fails to qualify. It is this very

failure that should make us view

Tuesday's twining of hands, or at least drill-heads, 120 feet beneath

the Channel, as an unprecedented

True, the project has often seemed in danger of collapse as the

costs have risen to £7 billion from

an original estimate of £4.7 bil-

tion, and there is still no guarantee

that it will not prove a bottomless

pit for shareholders' money; true,

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French, and true, there is the small

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considered as a discrete operation.

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Breaking out of the past

Terence Morris

ord Justice Woolf's inquiry into prison disturbances has just concluded a series of public seminars on the future of the prison service. Plagued as it is by overcrowding and in recent years racked by riots, culminating in that at Strangeways, which has proved to be the most prolonged and destructive in the history of British prisons, the time is nipe to consider a radical change in the management of the penal system. Such a change would go far beyond the administration of prisons to embrace within a single commission responsibility for all ... the orders of the criminal courts.

In 1963, despite widespread opposition, the Prison Commission for England and Wales which had existed since 1877 was abolished and the administration of prisons absorbed within the Home Office Since then the history of prisons in England and Wales has been one of recurring crisis and overall decline. Staff are dispirated and industrial relations. have at times fallen to levels lower than almost anywhere else in the public sector. The physical conditions in local prisons, where the majority of inmates spend their time, have deteriorated as a result of both overcrowding and the physical decay of the buildings. Decline in demand for unskilled labour has made the "working day" in many prisons something belonging to a dimly remembered past. A corrosive idleness has been added to physical squalor.

Within the Home Office. overcrowding has had a mesmeric and damaging effect on thinking. For although significant, it has not been the sole or even over-arching element in the process of decline. Official policy has been dominated by the idea of providing more cell space in new establishments, but these have increased the facilities for medium and longterm inmates - not the majority hose short sentences are served in local penal slums. Moreover, the great successes achieved by penal reformers in making it more difficult for the courts to imprison young and first offenders have. ironically, helped to change the character of the prison population; more experienced in crime and in many cases are more violent and

In 1963 a great opportunity was missed. Instead of being absorbed by the Home Office, the Prison Commission could have provided the foundation for an agency bringing together the activities of all those concerned with the custody, control, training and rehabilitation of offenders, in the most rational and economic way. The American model of a correctional authority - a public agency responsible to the state - was - already well-proven in such states as California. What we propose is but one both appropriate to League for Penal Reform.

current needs and broadly in accord with government thinking on agencies.

A new criminal justice commission would be such an agency under the management of publicly appointed commissioners and responsible to Parliament through the Home Secretary. It would be charged with the task of running not only prisons but the probation and parole services, community service and all forms of "punishment in the community", including the supervision of fines and various legal disqualifications.

A modern criminal justice sys-

tem is essentially flexible; the courts no longer look upon imprisonment as the basic penalty - as they did when most of our prisons were built - but as a sentence of last resort. Increasingly, we rely upon non-custodial sentences of various kinds which. if they are to be effective, require staff who are both trained and encouraged to develop their own initiatives. This was once true of prisons in the "golden era" of the

All those who work with offenders have to develop certain skills in common, irrespective of subsequent specialisation, and the new commission could, through a basic system of training and recruitment, be responsible for that. By controlling the entire "estate" of buildings and facilities an old city prison, unsuitable for custodial purposes, might, for example, be put to use as hostel accommodation for probationers and those on bail and as a day centre. Staff could transfer from one part of the system to another. Within its various divisions, the commission would be able to delegate responsibility for policy to local management. As well as stimulating new ideas, it would make for the easier and more constructive involvement of the local community and its voluntary

A large organisation is not necessarily an inefficient one, as multinational corporations demonstrate. What is important is to recognise the common elements in an effective system of criminal justice and the potential for economies of scale. Another advantage of these proposals is that commissioners would be publicly accessible and able to contribute to the debate about the shape of policy in a way that civil

The danger is that in the aftermath of Strangeways there is a temptation to find some way of patching up the prison system. But that not was symptomatic of something far more profound, and thus a more radical solution is

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CLEMENT FREUD

be family owned and run: father cooks, mother guards the cash register, daughter takes orders, son is in the cellar and grandpa perches in a corner of the bar until day is done, when he goes out and helps the greataunis with the washing up.

It is not like that on our side of the channel tunnel, where restaurants are for buying and selling. Over here, when an establishment has been built up by a chef of quality, it is sold ant or a greengrocer who continues to trade on the high reputation of his predecessor until he is rumbled. "Eventually rumbling places" is what food

guides are principally about. 1991 hit the bookshops at the end of September 1990; like all such publications it is out of date the day it rolls off the presses, and by the time it reaches the "sell by" date on the cover in January, even more places will have changed hands. had their chefs recruited by headhunters, sacked their charismatic maîtres d'hôtel after a midnight stock-take. To counter scepticism, and to mollify punters who went to Ludlow because Dinham Hall "offers an urban variation of a country house theme" only to find that the receiver's man is burning the toast, the 1991 Good Food Guide has printed some helpful articles at the back of the book,

after Northern Ireland. The best of these is "Your Rights in Restaurants". The fact that once you begin to insist on "your rights" there is not much chance of achieving the relaxed and enjoyable evening out that is the aim of going to dine in a restaurant, seems irrelevant to the authors; they give it to you

You're kept waiting an hour before the waiter takes your order. When you complain the waiter is rude to you."

Could there really be people who will wait 60 minutes for service? My advice would be: "Check that the restaurant is open; the likelihood is that it closed a week ago and some member of the departing staff forgot to lock the door."

The Guide says you have the challenges of 1992.

right "to refuse to pay all or part

of the service charge".
Picture the scene: Mr and Mrs Clutterbuck, seduced by the publicity of the English Tourist Board, have taken their children and the Scandinavian mother's help to a restaurant. They arrive at 7pm; by 8pm a waiter

"See here," says Clutterbuck, "me and the girls have been waiting an hour to order. Is this the best you can do?"

"Fatta slob," says the waiter. "Your wife gotta dandruff and the children are non-sympatico", and he then makes a pass at the au pair.

In order to take advantage of the GFG advice, the family would have to wait until the end of the meal, if they live that long, then decide how much to deduct from the mandatory service charge.

By my reckoning, 20 minutes of being ignored gives the customer every right to open warfare: play musical chairs, help himself from the liqueur trolley, catch the goldfish from the ornamental bowl and eat it in a bread roll.

But today there are commoner restaurant problems than slow and discourteous service:

 A waiter who speaks no English except "not my table" attacks you about the face and body with a bread knife.

The chef arrives, joins you at your table, calls over his wife and orders a magnum of vintage port (Taylor's, 1963). The cashier presents a bill for £325; it is marked "no credit cards or cheques".

 Although there is a symbol denoting "no muzak", the Black Dyke Mills Band enters from the kitchen playing the Floral Dance and the tambourinist spills your dessert wine. • Four people at an adjoining

table die into their After Eight mints and as the ambulancemen arrive to remove the bodies you notice the cloakroom woman leaving with your

The Guide's advice is to pay the bill under protest and write to the trading standards officer of the local authority.

I do hope we are ready for the

Glorious link with the greats



Brunel: Victorian victim of cost raise new money for his 'darling' Clifton suspension bridge

Alan Franks believes the channel tunnel Donne's maxim about

emerges credibly when compared with British engineering triumphs of the past

The fact is that major works have come in over budget since Stonehenge, and in those days they could not event make a showed it to be impractical. In terms of engineering ambition, the London and Birmingthey could not event make a scapegoat of labour costs. Take Brunel's historic suspension bridge at Clifton, "my first child. my darling", postponed time after time as the costs soared and the Clifton Bridge Company sought yet more money from the shareholders, or the Forth Bridge. where of the 5,000 construction workers (2,000 fewer than the British number employed on the new tunnel). 57 were killed and about 500 injured.

If you allow that only half the channel tunnel is in the UK, the 17-mile stretch from East Finchley to Morden via Bank on the London underground's Northern line remains our longest tunnel. And that construction, from 1890 until well into the 20th century, had almost as many hold-ups as the "misery" line's present Charing Cross-Euston run. As for Brunel's atmospheric

railway, the South Devon, with its eight pumping stations between

ham Railway, which received royal assent in 1833, was no less an undertaking than the channel tunnel. The cost of the land required rose nearly threefold from the original estimate of £250,000, and the capital authorised by an Act of Parliament the previous year, at £2.5 million — already well up on the original estimate of £1.5 million — arroyed group to £1.5 million. proved woefully inadequate. By the time the work was finished, the company had had to shuttle back

In their own way the difficulties facing the L and B engineers were as severe as the geological ones surmounted by Eurotunnel. The main problem was that the great engineer George Stephenson had decreed that the line should be built with a gradient not steeper than one in 330; and this through terrain littered with hills. The result was a chain of long, deep cuttings and tunnels including, at Kilsby, a passage through quick-

and forth to Parliament, cap-in-

hand, for the actual cost of £5.5

the first mile out of Euston, to Camden Town, only cable haulage

"Everywhere were bridges that led nowhere," wrote Charles Dickens in *Domber and Son* as he surveyed the L and B work in progress; "and wildernesses of bridge and son as a surveyed the Land B work in the survey of the survey o bricks and giant forms of cranes, and tripods straddling above nothing." Plus ca change.

What about the Thames bar-

rier?" asks Dr John Dougill, director of engineering at the Institute of Structural Engineers. "Or the MI, or the M25, Huge problems with all of them... Technically, you could say that the motorways would have been betmotorways would have been better products if more time had been spent on their construction. That was our great attempt to catch up with US and European roadbuilding, and it was driven for-ward by political imperative." Sir Nigel Broackes, chairman of

the construction giant. Trafalgar House, has no doubt about where the channel tunnel stands in the historic scale of British engineering. It eclipses the rest. For sheer scale and complexity, it is easily the biggest. If you want something comparable you have to go to the canals of Suez or Panama, prob-ably even back to the Pyramids." Which makes the Egyptians' achievement arguably the greater. as they managed entirely without British consultants.

Cast to the flames, or words that should live forever?

Bernard Levin joins in the fray over the proposed publication of works that Philip Larkin wanted destroyed

here is a jolly row going on concerning the will of the late Philip Larkin, and since rows are my speciality. I shall do my best this morning to make matters worse. For those who have not followed the story - it began when Larkin died - I summarise the course of the dispute. Larkin, in many ways a reclusive figure, gave instructions in his will that on his death his diaries should be destroyed. That was done; but he also gave instructions about the unpublished remainder of his work, including poetry, short stories and matter forming part of unfinished novels, and this is where the trouble started.

His executors insisted they were in a difficulty over Larkin's wishes in the matter of these remains. To some eyes it has seemed clear that he wanted them all to be destroyed, as with the diaries; other eyes - those of the executors biguities in the will, and deduced that that was not so. In the event, the executors are plainly bent on publishing some of the unfinished oeuvre and leaving other works unseen, though whether they propose to destroy the matter they are not intending to publish is not

The row has been bubbling along since Larkin's will was read. and it has just boiled over. The executors (they include Anthony Thwaite, whose integrity none, I think, would question), mindful of the argument over the apparent ambiguities in the will, called in a lawyer to study the wording and give an opinion. Here, I feel, they were being a touch disingenuous. True the lawyer opined that the wording of the will permitted em to publish what they wished, and I suppose they were entitled to rely on his expertise, but they knew perfectly well that by teatime on the same day they could have assembled 40 lawyers to give an entirely contrary view, and by lunch the day after another 50 to

indeed before the weekend another 77 who would unanimously say that on the one hand it was clear that they could publish, and on the other hand that it was plain that they could not.

"Dead men tell no tales," says a judge in one of A.P. Herbert's Misleading Cases, adding, "and it were better that they made no wills." It is not clear whether Larkin composed his entirely unaided, or whether he sough legal assistance; if the latter, he should have known that the chances of posthumous chaos were thereby substantially en-hanced (So far, there has been no litigation, but that happy state of affairs may not last.)

But even if Larkin had made it quite impossible for anyone to misinterpret his wishes, saying plainly and in capital letters that he wanted every unpublished word he ever wrote summarily burned, there would have been a body of opinion, includi quite sure, some of his literary executors, who would have obiected to what they would have seen as failing in their duty to posterity rather than to the poet. (Hustory is littered with such disputes; James Joyce died in 1941, but his descendants are still kicking up rough about his literary remains, not necessarily because the copyright is about to run out.)

As it happens, when the Larkin row caught fire I was reading the Diaries of H.L. Mencken, my hero since boyhood; the editor and Mencken's literary executors had faced a similar problem. Mencken had stipulated that his diaries should be sealed for 25 years, and the ban had been faithfully observed. He died in 1956, which is considerably longer than 25 years ago, but publication was held up by a dispute over another item in his will; apparently, he had no objection to letting scholars and students see the dignes when the quarter-century was up, but jibbed at any wider circulation. The back up the first opinion, and deadlock was broken when a law-



yer (I bet you didn't know that they have lawyers in America, 100) studied Mencken's will and opined that it would be all right by him (him the lawyer, not necessar-ity him Mencken) for general

reading to take place. For my part, I am grateful to the American lawyer, Mencken in the original cloth could be candid enough, but Mencken 34 years dead, his cackles clearly audible from the afterworld, fair takes away the breath, with no suggestion of ever bringing it back. Even now, the editor thinks it politic from time to time to replace a name or identification with a few discreet suspension points, but I would not have missed the ripeness of Mencken unchained for all the lawyers and all their bills. There is a real dilemma in this business. Many people, particularly artists, have left instructions that certain works of theirs should

be destroyed at their death; some-

times, the stipulation is for every-

thing left unfinished to go. But suppose Schubert had left such instructions, to his brother Ferdinand, say, or Grillparzer. Would you have applauded them for their fidelity to his instructions as they fed the bonfire with all those unpublished songs? I'm damned if I would: I would have called them criminals of the lowest degree. And if Hüttenbrenner, his memory jogged at last by the news of Schubert's death, had trotted round with the MS of the Unfin-

ished, which Schubert had ontrusted to him years before, and tossed it on the flames, would not the very universe have demanded vengeance? Dear God - suppose Mendelssohn had gone to Carter-Ruck for advice on what to do with the MS of the C major Symphony and been told that Schubert's children might sue if it were not destroyed? (Schubert did not have any children, but Carter-Ruck might not have known that.)

or, though, can we take refuge in the artist's choice of what to keep artists are notorious for misjudging their own work. Larkin did leave some poetry which was plainly inferior to his best work (and he was not one of those who cannot tell their best from their worst - he was merciless to his failures, as witness the scores of extant versions of some of his poems). It could be said that the executors are ignoring the implications of his refusal to publish poems left, years ago, in manuscript. But that does not settle the matter either, if, in my hypothesis, Schubert's instructions had gone unheeded in the greater cause of preserving his genius for posterity, who am I to say that Larkin's should have been rigidly followed? No doubt Schubert was a greater genius than Larkin, but that cannot be the test - we should have missed much pleasure and solace if the Great McGonagall's verses had not been preserved, even (which is extremely unlikely)

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In law, there is a remedy from
the courts if a legacy is given to someone other than the stipulated legatee; perhaps there is a law that testimentary provisions that do not allocate money or money's worth cannot be enforced. But that still leaves the Larkin problem where it was, for whatever the courts may decide, the argument is not a legal one but a moral one. and the argument over should/shouldn't would still not

be resolved. I don't suppose it ever will be. For my part, I have made no provision for the testamentary disposition of my literary remains; not because I think them too insignificant but because I have no intention of dying. And that is all I have to say this morning.

Heath in harmony

till basking in the afterglow of his mercy mission to Bagh-dad, Edward Heath is assuming the unlikely role of pop concert promoter. He has engaged Paul McCartney and Bob Geldof to top the bill at a rock-about next summer in the grounds of Longleat House - best known for its lions - owned by the Marquis of Bath. A strange departure for the ex-premier organist and conductor, but all is explained when he says that the takings which could exceed £3 million

will go to the Salisbury Cathedral

spire appeal. First Heath must deploy the same diplomatic skills he used on Saddam Hussein to convince West Wiltshire district council that the prospect of 100,000 fans trudging through the countryside is nothing to worry about. And he also has to contend with the local Tory MP, Sir Dennis Walters. "That is an awful lot of people they are talking about," says. Walters. "It won't bother me as I live seven miles away. But if my constituents don't like the idea I shall raise the matter

Heath decided to assume his Harvey Goldsmith role in an attempt to involve young people in the spire appeal, which was attacked as elitist after he charged guests, including David Rockefeller and Helmui Schmidt, 11,000 a head to have dinner in his Salisbury garden. However, classical music will be included in the programme and Heath may even go on stage with his baton. The Marquis of Bath gladly gave

permission for the concert to be held at Longleat after Heath went up in a helicopter to view 12 potential sites. Speaking to the Diary after receiving an honorary degree at London University yes terday. Heath admitted to one reservation. "I just hope they feed the lions before we get there."

> I'm into punk rock myself.



Expert touch

Then the Prince of Wales's arm is sufficiently mended for him to return to paintbox and easel, we may see a new expertise in his work. Secretly, it emerges, he has been taking painting lessons. His tutor is the portran painter Derek Hill, who was asked to join the prince on some of his painting expeditions. The prince was taken with Hill's technique on the two

occasions he sat for him. Hall, who paints only in oils, says of his royal pupil: "I don't think he would be so good at oils, but he is very good at watercolours." The royal connection emerges

in an interview with Hill for Naim

Attallah's new book, Singular

Encounters. On the prince's

controversial views on architec-

ture, Hill says: "The great thing about him is that he cares about what he says and thinks. He gets the feeling of the place..." Words that could equally be applied to

the prince as painter.

Perhaps, with Hill's encouragement, he will drop the camouflage of Arthur George. Carrick and simply sign his works "Charles".

The government should perhaps be sympathetic to Lord Jenkin of Roding, who joined the Tory revolu in the Lords yesterday over doe registration. In 1985, as environment secretary, he gained cabinet committee approval for a scheme similar to that the government now opposes. It was dropped because of pressure of business. Had it been adopted, Mrs Thatcher would have been saved a lot of trouble.

Making a splash

xford is currently celebrating the centenary of the arrival at the university of Max Beerbohm, and next month sees the première of a musical adaptation of Zuleika Dobson. Adam Blackburn, a Balliol classics graduate who adapted the book for the stage, said at rehearsals at

Oxford's Apollo theatre: "I don't think anybody loved Oxford more than Beerbohm. All his feelings for the town were encapsulated in his

This is not the first attempt at a Zuleika musical: the Gershwins wrote one in the Fifties, but it has disappeared. Blackburn hopes. however, that his version will endure, though he concedes that Beerbohm's finale of hundreds of lovesick undergrads drowning themselves does present certain technical problems.

Beerbohm's intoxication with the university was not confined to his fiction. Looking back, he wrote: "I was a modest, good humoured boy; it is Oxford that has made me insufferable."

Meyer lives on

ike Banquo's ghost, the spectral figure of Sir An-thony Meyer continues to haunt Mrs Thatcher. Although he has been deselected, the selection process by the Clwyd North West Tory party is overshadowed by his threat to stand as an independent if it chooses a "Thatcherite yesman" or someone whose pro-Europe credentials are in doubt.

The choice of a candidate for the salest Tory seat in Wales has already been delayed by resigna-tions among local Tory officials after Meyer's decision not to enter the selection procedure. He has represented the area for 20 years and has a strong personal following. Should be carry out his threat, the Tory vote would be split, to

Labour's advantage.
One candidate for the nomina-One candidate for the nomina-tion who should have Meyer's bess, he was told: "Aren't you the blessing is John Horam, the club blown up by the IRA?"

former Labour MP who defected to the SDP partly because of Labour's then lukewarm attitude to Europe and finally moved on to the Tories. Kenneth Baker, the party chairman, is anxious that

Horam be selected.

Meyer, dubbed "the stalking donkey" after his challenge to Mrs Thatcher last year, says a leader-ship election later this month is "now a possibility, when three weeks ago it was unthinkable".

Tables turned ctober has been a fulfilling

month for Harry Evans, formerly editor of The Sunday Times and The Times. Last week, at the age of 62 he again became a father when his wife, Tina Brown, had a daughter. And yesterday he was confirmed as president and publisher of Random House, one of America's top publishing firms. The appointment means that Evans, now editor-in-chief of Conde Nast's Traveler, will handle the forthcoming memoirs of his former Rupert Murdoch. "The wheel of fortune makes me your publisher as you used to be mine." wrote Evans to Murdoch. "But please don't puil any punches."

■ The owners of a new Maida Vale tennis club, intended to rival the Princess of Wales's favourite Vanderbilt Rocquet Club, may regret calling it the Carlton. Although they have enticed enthuasists such as novelist Martin Amis, they have been less successful with Americans living in London. When Stuart Bailey, the director, con-

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DIPLOMACY'S LAST CHANCE

Since invading Kuwait three months ago, President Saddam Hussein has not only held out against the international coalition ranged against him but increasingly dictated the diplomatic agenda. His is a two-fold strategy, calibrated with bravura and cunning. The first is to destroy the infrastructure and identity of the once-prosperous state of Kuwait, driving out its people and terrorising those who remain. He has sought to transform the country into a depopulated desert with nothing but oilwells and a small port. The second is to play on his opponents' horror of war, using "mercy" towards groups of foreign hostages. He seeks to keep alive the fiction that he is a reasonable man who, if "negotiated with", might yet see the error of his ways.

For three months his opponents have been compelled by public opinion, by their genuine desire for a peaceful outcome and by the bloodiness of the military option to play the game on Saddam's terms. Helped by the West's initial decisiveness, the anti-Saddam alliance has held under the difficult conditions of phoney war. There has been no significant defection from those demanding complete withdrawal, the restoration of the Kuwaiti government and the release of all hostages. Iraqi compensation and liability for war crimes are also on the UN agenda.

Yet by no reckoning has diplomacy made any progress. Despite the persistent and unexplained optimism of President Gorbachev's emissary, Yevgeny Primakov, Saddam has said absolutely nothing to indicate that he is prepared to yield one millimetre of Kuwaiti territory, never mind withdraw unconditionally. There has been speculation that his redrawing of the map of Kuwait, to join the Rumaila oilfield and access to the sea to Iraq's Basra province and create a "19th province" of the rest, indicates a fallback position. There is no evidence for that assumption either.

To worried Western eyes, withdrawal to that line and relinquishing Kuwait City would be shrewd, driving a wedge between the allies and reinforcing the pressure for a diplomatic compromise. But the frequency with which the idea is canvassed says more about the nervousness of Saddam's opponents than it

does about his own intentions. As time passes, he has no need of such a stratagem. It would involve ceding Iraq's territorial claim to all of Kuwait and leave his tanks sitting ducks to American assault in the desert, well away from the populated area of Kuwait City, which the Americans might be reluctant to bomb. Certainly partial withdrawal might crode allied determination, but time is doing that anyway.

The serious flaw in the arguments of those who have put their faith in UN resolutions the oldest flaw in the book - has been the belief in the efficacy of economic sanctions. Iraqi industries may have been forced to close for lack of spare parts, but conservative estimates suggest that, for food and fuel, Saddam could hold out until next April. By then Ramadan, the Muslim fasting month, would have begun, the hot weather would exact a toll on offensive effectiveness and Saudi Arabia would already be looking nervously to the annual pilgrimages to Mecca and Medina in June.

Whatever chaos sauctions may have wrought in the rest of the oil-consuming world, they have clearly not increased Saddam's inclination to admit defeat. Only the prospect of military action appears to have done that. witness the flurry of statements out of Baghdad and New York yesterday. The American secretary of state, James Baker, sets off on Saturday for the Middle East and Europe on surely the last play for a diplomatic settlement. If that fails the only question is when military action is likely to be most decisive.

The signals from Washington are still unclear. There is no doubting President Bush's anger over the plight of American hostages and horrendous treatment of Kuwaitis. His emphasis yesterday on Iraqi provocation could be intended to prepare the political ground for attack. The governments of Saudi Arabia and Knwait are urging haste. But Mr Bush is also under pressure pot to yield the moral high ground of "waiting for UN sanctions to work". and White House officials yesterday underlined his continuing commitment to "avoiding hostilities".

The appearance of indecision may be deceptive. To keep Saddam guessing is sensible. But the purpose of Mr Baker's trip should be to clear the diplomatic decks, not least with the Soviet Union. He will be helped by President Mubarak's contemptuous dismissal of President Gorbachev's call for an Arab summit, which Egypt sees as an attempt to gloss over the failure of Mr Primakov's most recent talks with Saddam. In Geneva, he should tell Mr Shevardnadze that phoney diplomacy has no place in phoney war and that, if the Soviet Union cannot support military action, its best contribution now would be silence. The last remaining chance of avoiding war is to convince Saddam that war there will be. That chance must now be rated

IRISH SHENANIGANS

slender indeed.

Ireland's reputation for political eccentricity was only partly salvaged last night by Charles Haughey's dismissal of his deputy, Brian Lenihan. Mr Lenihan, the country's second most senior politician, denied making a telephone call to the republic's President some years back, during the complicated comings and goings of the revolving-door governments of the 1980s. Confronted by the manifest untruth of his assertion on a tape, he mumbled hopeless idiocies and dug himself deeper into trouble. There was a tussle over whether Mr Leninan should resign from the government. Le refused, but eventually was dismissed, thus avoiding an election that nobody wanted.

Extraordinarily, Mr Lenihan is also running for the office of president. Candidates are not allowed to withdraw at this stage. Given the Irish public's despicable tolerance of political shenanigans, he will garner a large sympathy vote, and may still win on November 7 if backed by Mr Haughey.

Irish commentators complain that their politicians are patronised by the grandees of larger and older-established states in Europe. They fail to see that any outsider must regard affairs such as this one as absurd and depressing.

The drama is dispiriting not because a politician has bent the rules and compounded the error by further folly. No political system, including Britain's, is proof against this. What distinguishes Irish politics is the public and political response to Mr Lenihan's little difficulty. A party colleague of Messrs Lenihan and Haughey recently told a crowd, which roared its approval, that "we in Fianna Fail are ordinary people and unlike Fine Gael and Labour, we don't need to go to confession

every morning." This opaque remark is taken to be Irish political code for all's fair in love and politics. Mr Dick Spring, leader of the small and ailing Labour Party, who delivered a fine speech of fire and brimstone in the Dail yesterday, "wonders for the country" on hearing this remark.

Mr Haughey, leader of the present coalition government, left it to the last possible moment to sack - or even to criticise - his longtime colleague. He should now distance himself completely from Mr Lenihan.

Solidarity with other members of the clan or cabal seems to have become the guiding rule of some Irish politicians, exalted almost to the exclusion of all other standards. At least some of the electorate seem to approve. The news is not all bad. Mr Lenihan faces a powerful challenge in the presidential election from Mary Robinson, a distinguished lawyer. In standing as the candidate of "judgment, integrity and independence", Mrs Robinson is fighting on a platform which is not as popular as it should be. In her statements on social, religious and political questions she represents a movement that wishes to open up and reform a society under strain. But the movement is so far largely confined to Dublin and the east

A woman politician, elected as president of the Irish Republic on her platform and in the present circumstances, would be a sign that Irish politics were not locked in the dark conspiratorial hatreds of the civil war of the 1920s from which the major parties sprang. She deserves to win. If Mr Lenihan beats her, the Irish - and Mr Haughey - should be

PRINCE OF REASON

The near-impossibility of the job which British public opinion now expects the Prince of Wales to perform was given lurid expression yesterday. The Prince's first engagement since he broke his arm in June occasioned speculation about his domestic happiness, his susceptibility to eccentric fads and his alleged reclusiveness. The tabloid newspapers need not have worried that their best source of printable one-liners was drying up. Only a man endowed with superhuman patience could have replied to an inquisitive question about his sore right arm: "If you really want to know, I am barely alive."

Charles is beir to a grim tradition. Edward VII endured an even longer period as heir to the throne, was less popular and behaved incomparably worse while it lasted. The record of Edward VIII, the most recent comparable royal personage, is well known. The present holder of this most awkward of hereditary titles has, by comparison, been a beacon of enlightened, reflective and original thinking. On architecture, the environment and social policy - especially the role of young and old the Prince has been ahead of his time. He condemned the wanton demolition of villages by Ceausescu while the Romanian dictator was Still an honorary knight of the realm. By taking on his shoulders the weight of philistine Prejudice, he has helped minorities of all kinds: environmental, nutritional or aesthetic.

Now the cold tap of criticism has been lumed on his interest in complementary, or alternative, medicine. Yesterday he did not flinch from marking his return to public life by

endorsing the work of the Marylebone health centre, an enterprising medical practice with quarters in the crypt of the local parish church. The Prince deserves praise for his moral courage in disregarding not only vulgar but also self-interested expert opinion on this The extension of complementary medicine

- such as acupuncture, osteopathy, holistic medicine - to NHS patients is a wholly desirable aim, even though it is not yet supported by the public purse. Marylebone is already being emulated by NHS general practitioners elsewhere. Whether the lobbyists of the medical profession approve of this development is immaterial. The Prince stands for wider choice. To dub Charles an enemy of Thatcherism, as some do, is too glib. But for all his conventional style and speech, he is no pillar of any Establishment.

The Prince of Wales's philosophy can be simply defined. He believes that today's moral and spiritual values risk being squeezed and distorted by the pressures of what the American sociologist, David Riesman, called "the lonely crowd". Like any sensitive person, he finds solitude good for his sanity. Pain may have aggravated his reaction to the relentless impertinence of the media's gaze. He may have been grumpy, but he has been sorely tried. The British are fortunate to have an heir to the throne who contrives both to respect political and constitutional convention and to thumb his nose at the intellectual herd. He is the most rounded, decent and intelligent head-of-state in waiting Britain has had for centuries.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support for Thatcher on Europe to accept the obligations of membership of a single currency EMU to which they so blithely

consented in Rome.

Yours faithfully.

October 30.

MICHAEL WELSH,

European Parliament,

1040 Brussels, Belgium.

From Bishop Maurice Wood

Sir, The United Kingdom and the

Commonwealth find their deep and lasting cohesion vividity af-

firmed by the Sovereign's head on

every stamp, every coin, and every note. Our family of nations, each

owning allegiance to her Majesty

the Queen in a variety of constitu-

tional ways, would become im-measurably fragmented by an impersonal and dull set of com-

The Prime Minister has a

We are not only a major

mon European coins and notes.

shrewd sense of broad national

identity, when she calmly resists a single European currency.

European country, but we are a

world power in and through the

Commonwealth and the Sov-

ereign's head symbolises this

strong and cohesive and contin-

uing unity. The Prime Minister is

courageous and correct in this

matter. She deserves our open

St Mark's House, Englefield, Reading, Berkshire.

From the Editor of New European

Sir, There can be no doubt that the

sovereignty issue is a tricky one. But I should like to draw your

readers' attention to the last

paragraph of your report (October

many people wonder who rules Britain? And what is really meant

SUDDOLL

Yours faithfully

October 28.

†MAURICE WOOD,

of the Commons vote.

by "shared sovereignty"?

JOHN COLEMAN, Editor,

New European, 14-16 Carroun Road, SW8. October 30.

Yours faithfully,

97-113 rue Belliard,

The Prime Minister was ab-

solutely right to make this point;

how sad that her interlocutors

were so blinded by her much-trailed opposition to EMU that

they failed to take her seriously.

Policy-makers in Westminster

and Whitehall might also ask

themselves why, when the British

point of view was so patently cor-

rect, it so signally failed to stick.

From Mr Pierre Salinger Sir, I am getting concerned about the continuing attacks on Prime Minister Thatcher over her position on the single European mar-ket currency. What she is saying is right, but badly understood.

First, she is right that many important issues need to be resolved between the European countries before a single currency can be developed. How is it possible to have a single currency among countries with different tax rates, different VAT rates, and different social programs?

For those who try to compare this problem with the United States where, in effect, there are different tax rates state by state, one should understand that the United States started at a zero point more than 200 years ago with its single currency. That is not the case in Europe where moving to a single currency with the massive national differences is

much more difficult.
Second, it should be realized that Great Britain, under the leadership of Mrs Thatcher, has been at the head of the list of European countries moving towards the single market economy of 1992. The British Parliament has adopted more of the new pan-European laws than any other country in the EC. Mrs Thatcher is not an anti-European leader. Many other countries understand the problems Mrs Thatcher has put forward, but do not have the courage to say so in public.

I am sure that Mrs Thatcher will be vindicated in the years ahead. Yours faithfully. PIERRE SALINGER, 3 Montpelier Square,

October 30. From Mr Michael Welsh, MEP for Lancashire Central (European Democrat (Conservative))

Knightsbridge, SW7.

Sir, It is ironic that, as European heads of government celebrate the 11-1 agreement to introduce Stage 2 of economic and monetary union on January 1, 1994, they fail to understand that their continued procrastination on agricultural reform makes the realisation of that goal much less likely.

As the days pass it seems that the Community is incapable of agreeing a common position for the final stages of the GATT Round and that the Germans are indeed prepared to torpedo the world trading system in the shortterm interests of their farmers.
The collapse of the Uruguay

Round may well usher in a period of turbulence and recession which would hit the weaker European economies, many of which depend on exports, particularly hard. They might then find it impossible

Tunnel gap From Mr Roger Moate, MP for Faversham (Conservative)

Sir, Eurotunnel has launched a campaign to entice the small investor to take part in the rights issue for the Channel tunnel project. It was only on September 15 this year that Mr Alastair Morton, the chairman, was reported in The Times as saying that the shareholders may not survive. They face the real risk, and always have done, because the banks own the security. But if it does go bust, the capitalist process will take over".

It is certainly right to assume, despite a series of crises in the financing arrangements, that the tunnel will be built. Too much bank debt and political prestige have been sunk into the project to allow it to stop.

Junk mail

From Mr Alexander Plummer

Sir, From time to time my bank sends me quantities of rubbish. There are beautifully printed glossy brochures offering goods for sale. places for spending holidays, exhortations to possess divers credit cards and to take loans, insurance and private medicine that I neither want nor need, as well as unwanted information about the bank.

I receive some 2 kilograms of this stuff per annum. Multiply this by the many millions of other bank customers.

Sir, what of the slaughtered forest trees? And think of the paper mills, churning effluent into the nearest river; of the com-plicated printing machinery and all the people who make and service it; of the gallons of coloured inks; of the wasted

Roads and nature From the Director of the Council for the Protection

of Rural England Sir, It is all very well for the Secretary of State for Transport to criticise the way in which English Heritage undertook its study of the impact of his road construction programme (report, October 16). But without clear information from his department it is impossible to quantify accurately the impact of his programme on our countryside,

Trunk roads are planned and designed by engineers within the closed walls of Marsham Street or the outlying satellite offices. The result is that the environmental aspects get apparently little consideration in the early stages of

planning. If the secretary of state wishes to appease his critics and to take his environmental mantle seriously then we should be given a full account of the likely consequences of his road construction programme at the time the pro-

gramme is announced. These consequences should ad-

Mr Morton was very frank in drawing attention to the extraordinarily high risks faced by small shareholders but it is noteworthy that that frankness is now reduced to the very, very small print in the national advertising campaign.

The tunnel is now likely to cost approximately £8.6 billion, including the contingency reserve. It should be remembered that the total gross revenue last year on all the cross-Channel services, including all freight services to France, Holland, Belgium, etc., would not have exceeded £750 million. Just to service £8.6 billion of tunnel investment, even allowing for astronomical growth, leaves a very large gap. It is called credibility.

Yours faithfully. ROGER MOATE, House of Commons. October 29.

electricity; of the lorry drivers, and the wasted netrol

Think of the postal workers, not forgetting my country postman who has to drive all the way up the lane to put the stuff through my letter box. And my country dustman, who has to drive it all the way back to the council depot, thence to be transported in huge juggernauts thundering through villages, to be dumped over the wildlife in some lonely and beautiful stretch of marshland down the Thames estuary.

All that money, spinning ever faster in ever diminishing circles, must be what they call "the economy", and doubtless has something to do with employment

Yours sincerely.
ALEX PLUMMER, Hedgehog Cottage, Walliswood, Dorking, Surrey.

dress, as a minimum, the potential damage to nationally protected ecological, cultural and scenic features such as sites of special scientific interest, scheduled ancient monuments and areas of outstanding natural beauty. Then perhaps we could begin a

constructive dialogue about how

to reduce the cost to our country-

side rather than argue about

statistics. Yours faithfully. ANDREW PURKIS. Director. Council for the Protection of Rural England Warwick House. 25 Buckingham Palace Road.

On other lines

London SW!.

October 23.

From Mr Christopher Jolly Sir, Scott McIntosh's letter (October 18) ignored busways in making his case for trams and trains.

While modern trams may be able to carry over 20,000 passengers per hour, typical capacities are around a quarter of that. On the other hand, the Express Bus

Community role in probation cases the present opportunity to create a

Berkshire Probation Service

ber 26), rightly emphasises the community penalties for offenders probation services have developed in recent years and misses a point which should be of widespread concern.

repay their debt to society.

of probationers which challenges anti-social attitudes and helps them to deal with their personal and social problems is as much a service to the community as to the offender. The whole community is therefore the real "client" of the probation service, as any detailed examination of probation practice

tives are to be realised.

Curtailing the general power of courts need not threaten judicial independence in any particular case and the pressure which suggests otherwise should be firmly resisted. Most probation staff know only too well that the skill in their work centres not in choosing between "compassion or control" but in successfully reconciling them. What does concern them is

30, later editions) on dog registra-Aids message It appears now, however, that, with most of the EC having dog registra-From the Director of Family & Youth Concern tion. Brussels is thinking of impos-ing a Community scheme regardless

Sir, Just when you thought it was safe to go back into the Aids debate, another wave of hysteria Little things like that must make breaks upon the shore. The Aids lobby, which now

constitutes a considerable bureaucracy, depends for its government funding upon the perception of Aids as a major public health threat. Hence the widespread publicity given to the doubling of supposedly heterosexual cases last

However, the numbers are so tiny as to be statistically insignificant. Of the 240 cases attributed to heterosexual intercourse (still only 6.3 per cent of the total), 77 per cent were of known exposure abroad. This still leaves Aids as a very minor problem compared

with, say, heart disease or cancer. Yet Sir David Cox is still telling MPs (report, October 25) to expect heterosexual explosion, and

Housing for students From Mrs G. Wylie

Sir, University entrance has risen this year by 6 per cent - available university accommodation has not. Many young people are enduring temporary billets or are travelling from digs which can be miles from their campuses. It is not a helpful way to start living away from home.

If payment of housing benefit is judged to be right for someone living on a low income, why withhold it from someone who is living on an equally low income, and who has no choice but to live away from home?

Until it was withdrawn this term, entitlement to housing benefit had been a significant factor in moving second-year students out of university halls and subsidised housing and into the private sector, although this greater independence was bought at higher cost, as rents must be paid throughout the holidays.

In some university towns there is no such thing as a "low rent" even for sub-standard housing. Accommodation officers are in for a real headache, and the lottery faced by 18-year-old first-years is Yours faithfully.

4 Holt Gardens. Rowlands Castle, Hampshire.

Lane from New Jersey to New York carries 65,800 in the threehour morning peak, which is greater than the 60,300 carried by the two port authority trans-Hudson rail lines over the same corridor. Again, while modern trams can

run up to 50 mph, buses can be faster. On the guided busway in Adelaide, buses achieve 62.5 mph, where they have the same advantage of a segregated alignment. More realistic are the average speeds, While the Docklands Light Railway achieves an average speed of 19 mph on the Tower Gateway to Island Gardens section, the Adelaide guided busway achieves an average speed of 28 mph from its outer end to the centre of Adelaide.

Yours faithfully, CHRIS JOLLY, Clare Hall, Chapel Lane, Chigwell, Essex. October 18.

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effectiveness.

Yours faithfully.

145 Friar Street.

Reading, Berkshire.

MALCOLM J. BRYANT.

Berkshire Probation Service.

Chief Probation Officer,

From Miss Carol Fisher

legal framework which will reduce this country's over-dependence on

prison. In short, the debate is not

about intention or credibility, but

Sir. Taken out of context the views

which I expressed to Quentin

Cowdry in a telephone conver-

sation ("Court sentences must be

tough", report, October 25) could

be misleading. In using the word "tough" I was referring to the

process of learning self-discipline

and altering behaviour patterns for people whose lives are often in

chaos. Curiews and electronic tagging may impose external con-

trols on an individual's behaviour.

They will not help individuals to

Community service is not an

easy option for those whose lives

have no structure. Probation or-ders can be challenging and con-

frontational. Changing long-estab-

lished patterns of anti-social behaviour is painful. But in order

to maintain high standards of supervision and to operate an

effective system, work-loads must

be manageable. At present, in my

there is a solit in the probation

service between those who feel

that welfare needs are paramount

and those who feel that control

takes precedence. In my experi-

ence, the majority of probation

officers believe that addressing

welfare needs is a natural part of

the "package" of probation which

deals not simply with the offend-

ing behaviour but also with why

someone offends. In this sense the

skill of the probation officers lies

in their handling of the balance of

Inner London Probation Service,

"care" and "control".

Yours faithfully.

CAROL FISHER

(Probation officer),

Mr Cowdry's report implies that

view, they are not.

build their own controls.

From the Chief Probation Officer,

Sir, Your interesting editorial, Compassion or control?" (Octoneed for positive and demanding but overlooks the way in which

Probation staff are well aware of the damage caused by crime - to victims, the community and offenders themselves. Although the supervision of offenders remains the primary task of the probation service, its work now includes local crime-prevention schemes, work for victim support. and the organisation of millions of hours of useful, unpaid community service work by offenders to

Even the traditional supervision

will reveal.

The introduction of suspended sentences of imprisonment in 1967 actually led to an increased prison population within three years, whereas Section 123 of the Criminal Justice Act 1988 has almost certainly contributed to a decrease in the use of custody for 17 to 20-year-old offenders. Any new legislation must build on this experience and impact on sentencing behaviour in the way intended if the government's policy objec-

that the government should seize

191a Askew Road, W12. predicts that heterosexual cases will outnumber homosexual ones within five years. Those with long memories will recall that Sir David chaired the committee which warned the DHSS in 1988

that by the end of 1992 there would be 17,000 Aids deaths. The Cox report's findings have twice been revised downwards, and the estimated number of deaths by the end of 1993 was given earlier this year as 6.380. Even this figure will almost certainly be too high.

Your medical correspondent rould do well to treat further predictions from this source with a degree of healthy scepticism, instead of describing those who question Aids scares as "ig-norant" ("Aids: this time send the right message", October 17).

Yours sincerely, VALERIE RICHES, Director, Family & Youth Concern. Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

Mobile posters From Mr E. M. Davies Sir, The Town and Country

Planning Act 1947 removed the blight of advertising hoardings from the countryside. The benefit of this can be appreciated when one visits the USA or countries in Europe where they still exist. Today, however, the disfigurement of our environment is once

again with us in the form of commercial vehicles painted in vivid colours and emblazoned with over-sized letters. Yesterday I saw a very large lorry painted a dazzling white with

four-foot letters in crimson advertising a brand of potato crisps and another, painted orange, with a cartoon of a squashed lemon and a message covering its entire side. These vehicles are becoming

mobile posters and are defeating the intentions of the original act. Yours faithfully EVAN M. DAVIES, 31 Castle Street. Farnham, Surrey.

A new forest

From Mr David W. Lloyd Sir, Bernard Levin (October 22) cannot have studied very closely the map of the area over which it is intended to plant a forest, since he

wonders which is its "most romantic or charming village name". If he had, he would have discovered Ashby de la Zouch (albeit a town), If the forest were so named, it would surely become known as

"A-Z Forest". Yours faithfully,

DAVID W. LLOYD. 17 Fore Street. Old Harlow, Essex.

Clamper clamped? From Mr Roger Fit=Gerald

Sir I have just observed one of the Metropolitan Police's wheelclamping vans, illegally parked, left unattended for at least 15 minutes in London's West End.

Your recent photograph (October 24) of a clamped milk-delivery float suggests that nobody is immune from this device, and I wonder what course of action I should have taken. (Is there, for instance, scope within the law for a "citizen's clamp"?) Yours faithfully,

ROGER FILEGERALD, 124 Pepys Road, SE14. October 29.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 31: Air Marshal Sir Laurence Jones was received by The Queen open his appointment as Lieutenant-Governor of the Isle of Man.

Lady Jones was also received by Her Majesty. The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief. The Queen's Own Mercian Yeomany, received Lieutenant-Colonel Jeremy Blott upon relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer, and Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Ev-ans upon the upon the ans upon lassuming the

The Queen Incld a Council at

There were present: the Right Hon Sir Geroffrey Howe. MP (Lord President), the Right Hon David Waddington, MP (Secretary of State for the Home Department's, the Right Hon Antony Nevston, MP (Secretary of State for Social Security) and the Right Hon Timothy Renton, MP (Parliamentary Secretary,

Mr Geo ffrey de Deney was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.
The Right Hon Sir Geoffrey

Howe, M.P. had an audience of Her Mayisty before the Council. Major Sir John Griffin was received by The Queen when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Com-mander of the Royal Victorian

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh gave a Reception at Buckingham Palace for members of the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Institution of the George

The Duke of Edinburgh.
Honorary Life Member of the
British Sub-Aqua Club, this
morning presented the 1989 The
Duke of Edinburgh's Prize for Uriderwater Science to the members of Cambridge Univer-sity Archaeological Expedition to Antigua, at Buckingham

The Duke of Edinburgh, Captain General, attended the Royal Mannes Colonels Comrnandant lunch, in Admiralty House.

Captain Alastair Rogers, RM, was in attendance.
The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the British Sports Trust, attended a Gala Evening at the London Hilton Hotel. Lieutenant Commander Malcolm Sillars. RN, was in

BUCKINGHAM PALACE October 31: This afternoon The Princess Royal, President, Brit-

Today's royal engagements

attendance.

The Queen, as Patron of the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers, accompanied by the anniversary of the founding of the Royal Warrant Holders

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a lecture on Glamis Castle given by the London at Burlington House at

The Duchess of York will visit Trinity Hospice. Clapham. at 11.00.

Prince Edward will attend the premiere of the film Bullseve at the Odeon, Leicester Square at 8.00 in aid of the Variety Club of Great Britain and the Stars Organisation for Spastics. The Princess Royal will attend

Institute of Packaging

London, last night,

The Rank Prize Funds

Atr Derek Shorten, Chairman of the National Council of the Institute of Packaging, presided at the annual Fellows dinner

held at the St Ermin's Hotel.

Sir John Davis, Chairman of the

frustees of the Rank Prize

Funds, presided at a dinner held

last night at The Dormy House, Broadway, Worcestershire, The

event was to mark the final

evening of a Mini-symposium

held on "Starch: An Underesti-

attended by invited scientists

from the United Kingdom, Can-

ada and Europe, Among the guests were: Dr J. Edelman, Str Leslie Fowden, (Members of the

Funds' Advisory Committee on

Numinon) and Dr R. Angold (Scientific Organiser).

Royal Institute of International

The Hon Douglas Hurd, Sec-

Commonwealth Affairs, was the

mark the 70th anniversary of

the Royal Institute of Inter-national Affairs. Sir Christopher

Tugendhat, chairman, and Admiral Sir James Eberle, director,

were the hosts. Among those

Present were:
The Ambanadors of Brazil Egypt,
Incomesa Hait, Japan, Norca, Nev
ice Switzerland and Venezuela, the
Heah Commissioner for Brusse Lord
Chories, Lord Greensitt of Harrow,
Lord Robinson of Chellenham, Lord
Robinson Chellenham, Lord
Robinson Commissioner
Lord
Robinson Delman, Lord
Robinson
Beat of Indeed, Lord
Farming Delt Sir Peter Petro Sir
Cerald and Lady Elliot Sir Wilham
Harding Sir Philip Jones and Sir
Patrick windth

Queen Mary and Westfield

Mr Edward Heath, MP, re-

ceived a Fellowship of Queen

Mary and Westfield College and

delivered the maneural fellows

vesterday at the college. Mr Martin Harris, chairman of the

dinner held afterwards. Among

other newly elected fellows at

the dinner were:

Plaisterers' Company

present were:

uest of honour at a dinner held.

ish Olympic Association, 21 tended the Annual General Meeting at the Cafe Royal, 68 Regent Street, London W1. Lieutenant-Colonel Peter

Gibbs was in attendance. The Princess Royal Honorary Colonel, University of London, Officer Training Corps, received Lieutenant-Colonel Richard Clayton, Royal Artillery on relinquishing his appointment as Commanding Officer and Lieutenant-Colonel Tony Wallington, Royal Tank Regi-ment upon assuming the

The Princess Royal, President. Federation Equestre International, later left Royal Air Force Northolt for Monte Carlo where Her Royal Highness will where rier Royal Highness will attend the 24th General Associ-ation of International Sports Federation Congress and Gen-eral Assembly. KENSINGTON PALACE

October 31: The Prince of Wales. Patron, Marylebone Centre Trust, visited the Marylebone Health Centre accompanied by a group of Muslim leaders and Anglican

Clergy. Mr Peter Westmacott was in Subsequently His Royal Highness gave a lunch at Ken-sington Palace.

The Prince of Wales received

the Secretary of State for Energy (the Right Hon John Wakeham, MP) at St James's Palace, His Royal Highness received the Governor-General designate of New Zealand (Dame Cathcrine Tizard) at St James

The Prince of Wales attended an evening reception for the Marylebone Centre Trust at Regent's College, Inner Circle, Regent's Park, NW1, Major General Sir Chris-

topher Airy was in attendance. KENSINGTON PALACE October 31: Princess Alice. Duchess of Gloucester. Air Chief Commandant. Women's Royal Air Force, today visited Royal Air Force Cottesmore. and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for stershire (Mr Timothy

Dame Jean Maxwell-Scott was in altendance. The Duke of Gloucester this morning laid the foundation stone at Vintner's Place. London, EC4.

In the evening His Royal Highness, Patron, Building In-dustry Youth Trust, was present at a reception at Innholders Hall. College Street. London.

Major Nicholas Barne was in

Company held last night at

Plaisterers' Hall. Mr Julian Dairymple. Master, presided. assisted by Mr H.J.W. Warrell and Mr G.C. Grover, Wardens.

Machius also spoke.

Law Society

Brickendon, at 11.00.

union dinner at the Cafe Royal at 7.15. Prince Michael of Kent. as President of the Institute of the Motor Industry, will attend the annual meeting at Fanshaws.

The Duke of Edinburgh will attend a dinner at Grosvenor House at 7.45 to mark the 150-2 chairman, Fiat. 56; Alderman Sir Hugh Bidwell, Lord Mayor of London, 36; Professor Sit Hermann Bondi, former master. Churchill College, Cambridge former Bishop of Birmingham. 83: Admiral Sir John Bush. 76: of Antiquaries of Air Marshal Sir Edward Chilton. 84: Miss Victoria de los

Angeles, opera singer, 67; Lord Harmar-Nicholls, 78; Mr D.C. Hobson, former senior partner, Coopers and Lybrand, 68: Sin Wynn Hugh-Jones, diplomat. 67: Mr Andrew Knight, executive chairman, News International. 51; Mrs Naomi Mitchison, author, 93: Mr Gary Player, goller, 55; Mr John Pullen, rugby player, 49; Mr the Victoria Cross and George Cross Association's biennial re-Ratners Group, 41.

Dinners

OBITUARIES

Lord Caccia, GCMG, GCVO, former British ambassador to Vienna and to Washington and Provost of Eton, died yesterday aged 84. He was born in northern India on December 21, 1905.

LORD Caccia, British ambassador to Washington from 1956 to 1962 and then permanent under secretary of state at the Foreign Office, was the first head of the new unified diplomatic service. Thereafter as Provost of Eton and in a variety of business and other posts he found new scope for the energy and drive which had contributed so much to the success of his distinguished diplomatic career. Stocky, fair and blue-eyed, a fine player of ball games and a good shot, he did not pretend to intellectual brilliance: but he had a keenly practical intelligence and a vigorous personality which fitted him admirably for the newer style of diplomacy. He had to a high degree what one of his predecessors declared to be the essential attributes of a permanent under secretary at the Foreign Office: staying power

Harold Anthony Caccia was born in India. His father, Anthony Caccia, CB, MVO, was then a member of the Indian forest service and later served with distinction in the secretariat of the Paris Peace Conference. The family had come to Britain during the Italian risorgimento and kept links with Italy which were to prove of value to Caccia when he was to work there with Harold Macmillan as a diplomat during the Allied campaign from 1943. His Italian remained

fluent At Trinity College, Oxford, Caccia played for the university in 1926 as a centre threequarter, being one of the first two Etonians to win a rugby blue. He obtained a second class in PPE in 1927. He began in the law, serving as judge's marshal to Mr Justice Mckinnon. But he turned from the bar to diplomacy, having won in 1928 a Laming travelling fellowship at Queen's, a college whose help many pre-war entrants to the old diplomatic and consular services remember with gratitude. He entered the Foreign Office in 1929 and in 1932 was posted to the

legation in Peking. He returned to the Foreign Office in 1935. His bustling energy soon made its mark when in the next year he became assistant private secretary to the foreign secretary, Anthony Eden. In 1939 he went to Athens as head of chancery, being promoted first secretary in 1940. He was much involved in the legation's enforced and adventurous escape from the Greek capital Caccia sailed to Crete, where a number of subsequent events were sharply fictionalised by Evelyn Waugh in his trilogy Sword of Honour. There he was to pick up the King of Greece together with the British ambas-sador. This was achieved with the pelb of Peter Pleming, who had been

LORD CACCIA

working behind enemy lines, and Caccia's brother-in-law, Oliver Barstow. The party crossed the Greek mountains by foot and were eventually evacuated by boat to Alexandria. But Barstow, whose sister he had married in 1932, was killed in

Caccia returned for a time to the Foreign Office. In the summer of 1943, however, he began a period of notable service in the Mediterranean under Harold Macmillan. whose high regard he won, first briefly in Algiers, then as vicepresident of the political section of the Allied Control Commission in Italy and finally as political adviser to the commander of the British forces in Greece. His robust and cheerful personality and unconventional ways put him on excellent terms with senior officers of all nationalities. He was one of the first allied civilians to enter Rome, where he astonished a party of Italian diplomats drawn up in full uniform at the ministry of foreign affairs to welcome the allied representatives. by emerging from a battered jeep in a dust-stained bush-shirt. He accompanied Harold Macmillan to

Athens in the thick of the crisis of

December 1944 and later joined the

embassy as minister, taking charge

during a difficult period in the

day's work followed by a strenuous game of cricket or tennis, he would sometimes fall asleep at Athenian dinner tables, somewhat to the surprise of his hosts and fellow

Later in 1945, in which year he was made CMG, he returned to London as chairman of the joint intelligence committee of the chiefs of staff, a post for which his wartime service admirably fitted him. In 1946, however, Bevin personally chose him for the important post of chief clerk, in which as an assistant under secretary under the wise and much loved Sir David Scott he played a big part in the formation of the new unified foreign service created by the Eden reforms of 1943. Here again, as later as head of the service, his robust common-sense stood him in good stead, although there were perhaps occasions when his readiness to take a disagreeable but necessary decision led him to act rather too hastily.

Promoted deputy under secretary 1949, he was made KCMG in 1950, in which year he went to Vienna. There he spent four happy years as British high commissioner and ambassador. The zest with which he threw himself into all his activities endeared him to the Austrians - and perhaps especially the shooting, which later lined with

trophies the walls of the permanent under secretary's vast room at the Foreign Office. He enjoyed his brushes with Marshal Timoshenko and once won a crate of champagne from the Soviet representative on the question of smuggling arms into the divided capital.

In 1964 he returned to London as deputy under secretary, nominally in charge of economic affairs. In practice, however, he spent much of his time as chief adviser to three successive secretaries of state on their many journeys abroad. In the summer of 1956 his appointment to Washington without immediate replacement left the Foreign Office dangerously weakened during three vital months.

Caccia's arrival in Washington a week after the start of the Suez operation and a few days after Dulles had been taken ill could hardly have come at a more difficult moment for a new ambassador. but he rose splendidly to the challenge. He had no previous knowledge of the United States, but from his wartime service he knew well a number of major figures on the Washington scene, especially Bedell-Smith, then acting secretary of state. Robert Murphy and the president himself. Caccia made the most of these contacts. Once again his strong personality and forceful

manner were very effective and he rapidly established himself. In fact opinion in the United States as a whole was not nearly as shocked by the Suez affair as were the State Department and the White House, Relations fairly quickly returned to normal, especially after Macmillan became prime minister. The successful royal visit to America set the seal on this process. Thereafter Caccia's unflagging energy and personal gifts ensured the success of a notable mission during which he visited and spoke in virtually every State in the Union.

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Early in 1962 Caccia, who had been advanced to GCMG in 1959 and GCVO in 1961, became permanent under secretary at the Foreign Office and head of the foreign service. He found the Foreign Office, or at least a part of it, deeply committed to the first unsuccessful attempt to enter the EEC, with which he was perhaps personally not much in sympathy. In keeping with his temperament he sought to give a more robust tone to British foreign policy generally: but the hard facts of Britain's position in the world, coupled with the administrative load which any holder of this post must bear, limited his capacity to initiate or influence policy. Perhaps the outstanding achievement of his period of office was the long overdue amalgamation of the foreign and commonwealth services recommended by the Plowden committee, Caccia deservedly became the first head of the new diplomatic service.

On his retirement in 1965 he received a life peerage. In the same year he was appointed Provost of Eton where Lady Caccia and he maintained the same warm hospitality enjoyed by their guests abroad. He applied himself with his usual energy to the problems of a great public school in a period of rapid changes under the Wilson government, not all of which were to his liking. He was also soon in demand in business, becoming in particular chairman of Standard Telephones and Cables, the British subsidiary of the American company ITT. As chairman of the council of the Dischley Foundation he continued to work for Anglo-American understanding. Among other posts and honours which came to him were those of honorary fellow of his college, chairman of the Gabbitas-Thring Educational Trust and chancellor of the Order of St John of Jerusalem of which he was a Knight Grand Cross.

Perhaps the post which gave him the most pleasure after the appointment as Provost of Eton was the presidency of MCC in 1973. He was always a marvellous games player. His links with Austria and the London Anglo-Austrian Society were close and highly valued.

Caccia married in 1932 Anne Catherine, daughter of Sir George Barstow, KCB. He is survived by her and two daughters.

PROFESSOR ALFRED SAUVY

Professor Alfred Sauvy, French But he always argued that in that field, and he was its the early post-war years. But then - especially under de demography", he published born on October 31, 1898.

ALFRED Sauvy was the most anti-Malthusian doctrines did much to alert French opinion in the 1930s and 1940s to the explosion in the third world. world's foremost bodies in very high French birth-rate in of all French governments "the Balzac of economics and daughter.

demographer, died in Paris on Europe a healthy society and director until 1962. He be- he pointed also to sponta- Gaulle - of stimulating the nearly 50 books during his October 30 aged 92. He was economy depended on a came a friend and adviser of neous psychological factors: birth-rate, and Sauvy was an very long career. Among the healthy birth-rate.

pignan. After passing through distinguished and influential the prestigious Ecole member of the population instinct forced into action by population growth in the third of modern French demog-raphers. His strongly-held career in statistics – a science Nations.

As he later came to study that he always adored - and in 1937 joined the cabinet of tion, and even to reverse this for the post-war "baby boom" population and the family, the high family allowances factor behind the economic sociologist. He argued lucidly Catalonia. became secretary general for in France. Later, he became and in 1945 he founded the that were adopted at the recovery of those years. equally aware of the greater Institut National d'Études liberation. Sauvy saw these as This pro-natalist viewpoint alike of right and left. dangers of the population Demographiques, one of the one of the factors behind the accorded well with the policy Described by one friend as widow, Marthe, and their one

Before and during the war, Paul Reynaud, then minister France's very low birth-rate in the 1930s, and was one of since the war from 41 million those who argued in favour of to 56 million) as an essential

He was a French Catalan, ten years held the chair of collective national con- in official circles. His views born in a village near Per- social demography at the Coll- science", a regaining of faith led him at first to underestiège de France. He was also a in the future and a survival mate the effects of rapid world. Later he modified this population (it has moved planned population control. Sauvy was also distin-

Pierre Mendes France, and for he saw the change as due to "a admired and welcome figure best known are: Richesse et Population (1943), La Montée des Jeunes (1960), Théorie Générale de la Population (1963), and Croissance Zéro? As he later came to study stance. But he retained a faith (1963). His regular column in France's post-war demog- in the ability of mankind to Le Monde was influential. Sauvy studied the reasons for raphy, he saw the rising shape its own destiny, through Sauvy was a warm-hearted, vivacious and idealistic man. who always kept strong roots guished as an economist and in his native French

He is survived by his

Luncheons

comed members and their guests to the annual luncheon held yesterday at the National

Service luncheon

The Duke of Edinburgh, KG, KT. Captain General Royal

Marines, was present at a lunch

for Colonels Commandant

Royal Marines on October 31,

1990. in Admiralty House,

London. The Representative Colonel Commandant, Lieuten-

ant-General Sir John Richards,

KCB, presided. The guests in-

cluded the Commandant Gen-

erai Royal Marines, Lieutenant-General H.Y. La R. Beverley, OBE.

Air League Air Marshal Sir Thomas Stonor.

Group Director and Controller

National Air Traffic Services.

delivered the annual Andrew

Humphrey memorial lecture at 4 Hamilton Place last night. Mr

Michael J. Cobham. Chairman

of the Air League, presided.

Museum.

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Lecture

Birmingham.

The Lord Mayor, Mr Deputy E.P.T. Roney and Mr P.E.J Carlton Club Political

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State Mr Anthony Holland, President for Defence, was the guest of honour and speaker at a lunof the Law Society, and Mrs Holland were hosts at a dinner cheon of the Political Com-mittee of the Carlion Club held held last night at 60 Carey Street. Among those present esterday at the club. Sir Wil-West Right Rev Peter and Mrs Mumford, Judge and Sirv Ian Mack intosh. Rear Admiral and Mrs G Hitchens, Mr and Mrs Brian Harvey. Fallier Anthony Wilcox and Mrs V Vostitungston. ham van Straubenzee, chairman, presided and the Earl of Stockton also spoke. Board of Deputies of British

Foundation for Science and The President, Honorary Offi-Technology Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, President of the Foundation for cers and Secretary General of the Board of Deputies of British Science and Technology, pre-sided at a lecture and dinner Jews gave a luncheon yesterday at Woburn House to mark the 85th birthday (November I) of Lady Janner. Dr Lionel discussion held last night at the Royal Society, Mr P.T. McInerney, Dr R.H. Flowers and Mr David Cope also spoke. the chair. Among those present

Families for Defence Lady Olga Mantland, Chairman of the Families for Defence Patrons Club, presided at a dinner held last meht at the TT Riders Association House of Commons, by courtesy of Sir Antony Buck, QC. Mr Tony Jefferies. President of the TT Riders Association, wel-MP. The German Ambassador

Marriages

was the guest speaker.

Mr S.E. Race and Miss S. Bethell The marriage took place on Saturday, October 27, at St Nicholas' Church, Norton. Hertfordshire, of Mr Simon Race, elder son of Mr and Mrs Enc Race, of Broxbourne. Hertfordshire, to Miss Susan Bethell, daughter of Mr and Mrs Albert Bethell, of Hertford. The bride was attended by

Miss Frances Kearney. Mr Julian Race was best man. The reception was held at The college council, presided at a Blakemore, Little Wymondley. and the honeymoon will be spent in Kenya. Mr G.S. Baker

Arr Cert Abraham Sir Arthur Drow Mr One Choo Eng Professor Francis Horn Sir Michael Palliser Mi Gai Hard Weston and Professor Mark and Miss R.A. Hills Dr Elizabeth Hills and Dr Philip Tipping have great pleasure in announcing the marriage of Miss Rosemary Anne Hills to The Lord Mayor and Lady Mr Guy Scott Baker, on Sot-urday, September 15, 1990, at St Peter and St Paul Church. Viscoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, at-tended the annual livery and ladies' dinner of the Plaisterers' Farningham, Kent

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.J. Beason and Miss G.M. O'Conpor The engagement is announced between Mark, only son of Mr and Mrs Patrick Benson, of Spanish Place, London, WI.

and Grace Mary, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Don O'Connor, of Rathgar, Dublin. Mr N.B. Butterfield and Miss U.P.L. Kent The engagement is announced

between Nat. youngest son of the late Sir Harry and Lady Butterfield, of Bermuda, and Ursula. youngest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Brian Kent, of Cedarwood, Ascot. Berkshire.

Mr T.M.P. Butterworth and Miss E.A. Bowring The engagement is announced between Tyler, only son of the late Mr Peter Butterworth and of Mrs Peter Butterworth, of Dane Hill. Sussex, and Libby. youngest daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Richard Bowring, of Lawkland Hall, Austwick.

Mr B.E. Compton-Welstead and Miss B.M. Grice The engagement is announced between Benjamin, only son of Mr and Mrs David Compton. of Stonely, Huntingdon, and Belinda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Grice, of Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

Mr E. Foggitt and Miss S. Pitt The engagement is announced between Eben, son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Foggitt, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Steffanie, daughter of Mrs Ingrid Pitt and Anthony Rudlin, of St Margarets. Middlesex.

Mr K.P. Fowler and Miss S.J. Goodwin The engagement is announced between Kenneth, only son of Mrs Gwendoline Dixon, of Burford, Oxfordshire, and the late Mr Jack Fowler, and Sarah. eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Goodwin, of Priors Mar-

Mr R.D. Gough and Miss M.J. Cart

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of the late Lieutenant Colonel D.E. Gough and of Mrs D.E. Gough, of Farnborough Park, Kent, and Miranda, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.B. Carr, of Dorking, Surrey.

Mr A.J. Hill and Miss J.R. Hooper The engagement is announced between Tony, younger son of the late Mr and Mrs N.R. Hill. Jacqueline Ruth, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C.J.C. Hooper, of Molcombe, Dorset, formerly of St Neot's School.

Mr J.M. Langbam and Miss C.E. Crawford The engagement is announced between Justin Morley, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Langham, of Bingham's Melcombe, Dorset, and Catherine Elspeth, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Kenneth Crawford, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr R.H. McAlpine and Miss L.E. Wee The engagement is announced between Richard Hugh, elder son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth McAlpine, of Lamberhurst, Kent. and Linda Elizabeth, daughter of the late Mr William Leighton Wee and of Mrs Wee, of San Francisco, California,

Mr W.G. Mackie and Miss C.J.M. Daniels The engagement is announced between Graham, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stanley Mackie, of Godalming, Surrey, and Julia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Graham Daniels, of Salisbury, Vilishure.

Mr C.E.S. Marriott and Miss C.J.Z. Shand The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs Charles Marriou, of Chilton Candover. Hampshire, and Camilla, eldest daughter of

Holland Park, London.

Mr and Mrs Gordon Shand, of

and Mrs J. Speakman, of Woodharn Lodge, Bicknacre. Essex, and Alison, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs K. Read, of Drove House, Surfleet, pitality of the Duke of Atholi Mr R.D.O. Stark and Miss E.M. Radd

The engagement is announced between Nickolas, son of Mr

Mr N.C.E. Speakman and Miss A.L. Read

and Miss E.M. Radd
The engagement is announced between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs David Stark, of Hookwood, West Horstey, Surrey, and Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Rudd, of Heron's Court, Fisher Care Parkships Pinkney's Green, Berkshire.

Mr D.K. Utterson and Miss M.J. Mackle The engagement is announced between David, son of Mr and Mrs James Utterson, of Bourn End. Buckinghamshire, and Joanna, daughter of Dr Henry Mackle, of Portadowa, Co Armagh, Northern Ireland, and of Rosemary Campbell, of

Mr M.J. Younger and Miss S.E. Black The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr Stephen Younger, Denbrae House, St Andrews, Fife, and of the Hon Mrs Jean Lindesay-Bethune, Muircambus, Elie. Fife, and Susan, eldest daughter of Dr and Mrs Murray Black, Bush, Edinburgh

St Andrew's Ball

The St Andrew's Ball will be held at Grosvenor House of Friday, November 30, 1990. There will be a pre-Ball session at Wandsworth Town Hall, on Thursday, November 1. Ball tickets are £37.50 including breakfast and some drinks. A limited number of dinner tickets limited number of dinner tickets at £16 extra are available. Apply to The Bail Scoretary. The Garden House, Cheriton, Alresford, Hampshire, SO24 OQQ.

Leading pipers compete amid castle's splendour

By Angus Nicol

pipers were brought together for the seventeenth Glenfiddich Piping Championship thanks to the combined hos-

and William Grant & Sons. Like the other invitation competitions, there is a great deal of the recital about this event, held on Saturday, as Norman MacLeod of Suardal, the Fear an Tighe, said in his introduction. It is a recital that continues all day, pipers and listeners being amply refreshed at appropriate times. There could hardly be a better place for such an event than the Great Hall at Blair Castle, Strathclyde, which is big enough for the music and for the large audience, and which has excellent acoustics.

The competition is divided into two parts. First, the ceòl mor, the great music. First to play, and winner of the first prize, together with the Highland Society of London's Tro-phy, was Mike Cusack, from Houston, Texas. He played the Park Piobaireachd No. 2, one of two tunes commemorating the Battle of Park in the fifteenth century, and one of the oldest tunes in the repertoire. William Mac-Callum took second place.

TEN of the world's leading third with an excellent performance of the MacDougall's In the second half, each piper has to play a set of

march, Strathspey and reel. This competition, and the Redfearn Glass Trophy, was won by Sergeant Brian Donaldson, Scots Guards, with an outstanding set of Lord Alexander Kennedy, the Bob of Fettercairn, and Mrs Macpherson of Inveron. Matching his performance in the ceol mor, William MacCallum took second prize with Captain Campbell of Drum a Voist, Dora MacLeod, and Lt Col D J S Murray. Lance Corporal Gordon Walker. RHF, came third, playing Mrs John MacColl, Tulloch Casile, and the Smith of Chillicchassie. Fourth prize was won by Murray Henderson, who played the 74th Farewell to Edinburgh, John Roy Stewart, and Bessie MacIntyre. The fifth prize fell to Mike Cusack.

The Glenfiddich Trophy itself, for the best all-round piper, accordingly was won by William MacCallum, followed by Mike Cusack, and Murray Henderson_

The last of the awards is the Balvenie Medal, presented with MacNeill of Barra's each year "for services to March. Last year's winner, piping". This year's winner was Robert Hardie.

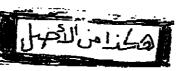
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Murray Henderson, came

The following have been installed officers of the Glovers'

Athene Seyler

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Athene Seyler, CBE. will be held on Thursday, November 15, 1990, at The Actors' Church - St Paul's, Bedford Street, Covent Garden, London, WC2.



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Family flowers only planes,
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Robert, a daughter, Amelia
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Rosemarie (see Rawsthorne)
and Maris, a daughter, Lucy
Ann. a sister for Lauren.
Thanhi to all concerned.
PERS - On Cetabar 28th, and Thighes to all concerned,
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at Specia District Hospital, to
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The Portland Hospital, to
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brother for Chartotte.
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Hospital, a daughter,
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father and grandfather.
Cremation on Monday
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DOUGLAS - On October 28th.

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Commander JS. Douglas.

Royal Navy and sister of
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10.30 am., Monday
November 3th. at the Church
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Shillingstone, Dorset.

followed by Committed at

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may be sent to Richard T. Eleanor.

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The new Queen of Bulgaria was Giovanna — known there as Ioanna — a daughter of King Victor Emmanual III of Italy (1869-1947). Her husband, King Boris (1894-1943), uses a man not without gifts; a good linguist and naturalist, he also drove steam trains on occasion. It was his involvement in Balkan wheeling and dealing in the second world war that was to be his undoing. Many regarded the circum-

THE NEW QUEEN'S HOMECOMING

stances of his death as suspicious.

FESTIVITIES IN SOFIA

SOFIA, OCT. 31 Under the golden domes of the cathedral of St Alexander Nevski, the magnificent building which commemorates Imperial Russia's share in the liberation of Bulgaria more than half a century ago, the marriage of King Boris and Queen loanna was blessed this morning according to the rites of the Orthodox Church. But for the omission of the usual question asked of the bride and bridgroom, the procedure was identical with the full marriage celebration. The customary bridal crowns were placed on the heads of the bride and bridegroom, both drank consecrated wine from the same cup, according to Orthodox custom, and the wedding benediction was given with elaborate ritual.

The Royal train reached Sofia just before 10 o'clock this morning, and Cabinet. Their Majestics voyage from Brindisi to Bourges had given Government and the municipalby a welcome breathing space in which complete their preparations by the reception, which had necessary been somewhat burried. In spite, the King's request that the welcome of his capital should be of a model character, the people were unable to a section from giving roin to unable to refrein from giving roin to

their joy at the marriage. Flags, garlands, and electric lights were prodigally displayed, and made Solia shed her dun autumnal aspect and become a city of colour and light. Under a triumphal arch, the Mayor, M. Vasoff, surrounded by the municipal council, offered the King and Queen the traditional bread and salt, and in warm words welcomed her Majesty to Solia. All eyes were fixed on the graceful

figure of the young Queen, who was wearing a short wedding veil sur-mounted by a diadem of brilliants. She smiled and waved her hand continually in answer to the cheers of the crowd. It was a welcome of which any Sovereign might have been proud. The route passed by an old Turkish mosque, a reminder of the days of Bulgarian servitude, across the open square which faces the little yellow Palace, suggestive of the Resi-denz of some German Grand Duchy, and so up to the great white Cathedral, which stands on a slight eminence dominating the town. Behind the cordon of troops which lined the open space round the Cathedral were packed row upon row of eager people, and on the steps before the west door was a more impressive sight than that provided by the frock-coats and top hats of the City Fathers - the members of the Holy Synod, the Archbishops of Vidin, Sofia, Plovdiv, and Stara Zagora, patriarchal figures with flowing beards, gorgeous in gold-embroidered chasubles and gilt crowns, waiting to

welcome the Royal pair. The four Archibishops officiated collectively. Nothing was lacking in the service to impart solemnity to the occasion. The long lines of bearded clergy huddled in their heavy copes, the flickering light of the great candles shed on the rich icons and marbles of the church furniture, and the beautiful chanting of the massed choirs was the perfection of Church

When the ceremony was over King Boris and Queen loanna (as she will be known in Bulgaria) drave back by a different route to the Palace, where they stood on the steps to take the salute of the troops which defiled before them, battalion by battalion, with colours flying, a very gallant

WESTON - On October 29th, peacefully at The General Hospital, Jarsey. Edward Frank, much loved husband of Jayes, toving father of Jaremy and Julian, will be seally mines by all his relatives and friends. Private funeral to be held in Jersey. No flowers by request doublions in his memory may be sent to The British Heart Foundation, 57 Gioucester Plany, London Will 40th, Pitcher & Le Quette, 59 Kensington Place, St Heller, Jersey. MEMORIAL SERVICES

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Black hole comes down to Earth

stronomers have found more evidence that a giganmore evenence at the Sun. million times as big as the Sun, may lark in the centre of our galaxy. In today's issue of Nature magazine, Dr Fahad Yusef-Zadeh, of Northwestern university in Evanston, Illinois, and colleagues in California and Australia suggest that new radio observations of the galactic heart may reveal the presence of a black hole.

When an ordinary star such as the Sun exhausts its nuclear fuel, these nuclear reactions can no longer withstand the force of gravity and the star collapses to become a dense "white dwarf" star, about the size of Earth.

Larger stars condense past this stage to super-dense neutron stars when their radiation can no longer resist the inexorable pull of gravity. The matter in neutron stars, only a few miles across, is so tightly compacted that a thimbleful is as massive as the Earth. Some theories, however, predict that really massive stars can collapse without limit to form infinitely dense, compact objects called black holes, so massive that not even light can escape their gravitational attraction.

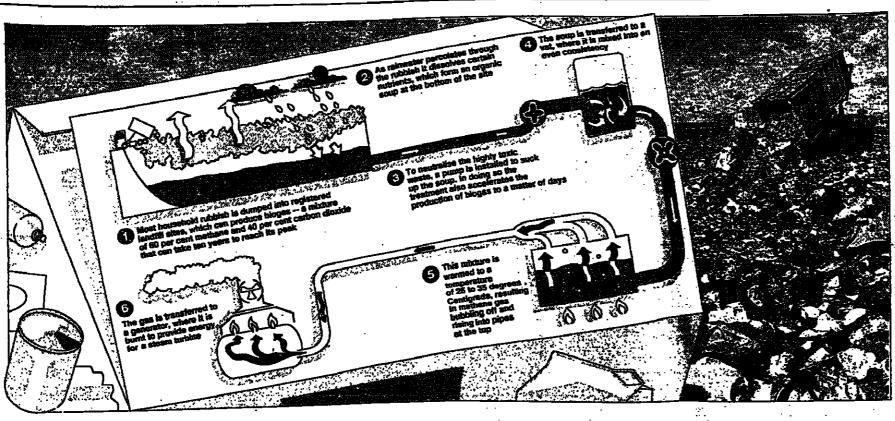
Observations on star move ments in the centre of the Andromeda galaxy, a spiral galaxy like our own but larger, suggest that a mass equivalent to 100 million Suns is crammed into the central five or six light years. If this is not a black hole, it is hard to imagine what it could be. Evidence for a central black hole in our own galaxy, however, has been circumstantial and ambiguous. It is known that the galactic centre is occupied by a source of radio emissions called Sgr A*. The motion of stars and gas around it seems to indicate the presence of an enormous black hole.

Dr Yusef-Zadeh's team has made observations of extremely high precision on radio sources clustered closely around Sgr A*. These radio sources may represent heat-emitting blobs of super-

heated gas, or plasma. The distribution of these blobs. only a few light weeks away from the centre, might give further clues about the behaviour of a central black hole, if one exists.

Astronomers will have to watch the plasma blobs for about another ten years to be sure that any movements are symptomatic of the presence of a black hole.

> **HENRY GEE** (2) Nature Times News Service 1990



Free energy in your dustbin

very week Britain pro-duces an average of nearly 500,000 tons of domestic rubbish. It is not a subject most people want to dwell on, and once the dustbin bags are depos-ited outside to be taken away by the dustmen, that is the end of the

But every sackful of household rubbish we put out to be collected can be thought of as a packet of potential energy which may one day produce the gas to power a generator that will, in turn, produce electricity for our homes

More than 90 per cent of the rubbish from our towns and cities is dumped and compacted in holes in the ground at registered landfill sites. But such sites can produce large quantities of "biogas" - a mixture of 60 per cent methane and 40 per cent carbon dioxide — as the biodegradable fraction of the rubbish slowly rots.

Certain naturally occurring bacteria thrive deep within the tip where there is no oxygen available. Under these so-called anacrobic conditions the bacteria digest the waste, producing biogas as a natural by-product. How can this natural gas resource be most effectively and safely harnessed as both a heat source and fuel for gaspowerd electricity generators?

Britain already has a modest 18

megawatts of electricity genera-tion capacity fuelled by landfill gas

Scientists say that a council refuse tip can produce enough methane gas to generate electricity for 600 homes, Mike Hurrell reports

- enough to supply a small town. But this is expected to increase dramatically over the next few years. The great attraction is that it is free fuel and the bulk of the rotting waste needed to satisfy potential landfill gas demand for the next ten years is already in the

In September the energy department announced which non-fossil fuel power generating schemes the electricity industry would be obliged to buy electricity from after it is privatised. More than 30 per cent went to landfill gas sites. Last month, National Power announced plans to invest £150 million over the next decade on power stations fuelled by domestic and industrial rubbish.

The largest landfill site in western Europe is at Brogborough, Bedfordshire, which takes more than 10,000 tons of rubbish a day. There, the waste management contractor Shanks McEwan is investing £8 million to have plant capable of generating 14 megawatts of electricity running by 1993, enough to power a town of 30,000 people. It expects the site to produce gas to generate power at

this level for up to 30 years. A recent study for the energy department's Energy Technology Support Unit (ETSU) estimates the national landfill gas resource to be equivalent to more than three million tons of coal. And worldwide, ETSU believes landfill gas might eventually contribute more than 25 times that amount enough to satisfy the total energy needs of a country the size of

Sweden or Turkey. But landfill gas is also a potentially hazardous by-product. It first achieved public notoriety in the mid Eighties, when a bungalow close to a landfill site at Loscoe in Derbyshire was destroyed in an explosion caused by ignition of methane gas which had seeped from the site and accuilated indoors.

Today, methane is under the spotlight as an environmental menace because it is 27 times more potent than CO2 as a greenhouse gas. If the world's landfills were allowed simply to vent their methane to the atmosphere, it is estimated that it would contribute the equivalent of one billion tons of CO2 to the greenhouse problem.

An accelerated British research effort into the safe exploitation of landfill gas - to the point where

notential environmental hazard If the base and sides of a landfill site are not sealed properly, this highly toxic liquid can seep out and contaminate groundwater supplies.

This year Friends of the Earth

leaked confidential government research showing that this has been identified as a potential problem at as many as 100 sites ationwide.

"Our initial interest was to reduce the pollution potential of the leachate," explains Dr Chris Young, of the WRC. "The fact that methane was produced by the anacrobic route has turned out to

be a useful by-product."

In the WRC study, leachate is pumped from the landfill to the macrobic digestor's large scaled vat and warmed to a temperature of around 25°C. Under these conditions, the leachate can produce double its own volume of methane in two days. of that production in a matter of

A fully-developed average-sized county council landfill might produce 100 cubic metres of leachate each day. According to Dr Young, anaerobic digestion of this in a (WRC) began trials two months plant like the one undergoing trials ago on a pilot unit to neutralise the liquid "soup", or leachate, that all could produce enough methane to power a 1 megawatt generator percolates through them. In the treatment process, biogas is pro-duced at hugely increased rates which could provide electricity for 600 homes, while the largest sites could support a generator six

Enter the wireless office

By the mid-Nineties we are promised the beginning of an era of cheap mobile communications in which owning a mobile telephone will no longer

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People have been prepared to pay more for the convenience of mobile telephones, faxes and modems to connect laptop computers back to base from a car. But some portable computers have become powerful and cheap enough to be chosen for use on a desktop just because they look better and take up less room. Rarely, if ever, will they be used on on the move.

If mobile "wireless" communications become cheap enough, there will clearly be a demand 10 use them within an ordinary office purely to remove the clutter of wires and the need to think twice before moving people and equip-ment. This is the thinking behind plans for a new microwave-based system in which terminals and other electronic equipment can be sited anywhere in an office, with no need to be linked with a maze

Last week, Motorola announced just such a system, the Wireless Inbuilding Network (WIN), which will use low powered and very high frequency radio signals that can carry large amounts of information around a building and work at about 20 times the speed of the current cellular telephone system.

The signals can be received and transmitted by a box that is only four inches long and the company promises that the cost of such wireless networks will be comparable with a cable-based local area network.

The first product, effectively a wireless local area network, operates at a respectable 15 million bits per second and will exchange information between personal computers.

It will go on sale next spring in the United States, where the authorities have given the goahead for the use of low power radio communications using this frequency inside buildings. It is applying for the use of the radio frequencies in other countries and is currently in discussion with Britain's trade and industry department.

Motorola also has ambitious plans for a network of satellites that would enable calls to be made from a mobile telephone virtually anywhere in the world.

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Radar dowser seeks profits in the pipeline

unusual sight during the summer - a man pushing up and down Manhattan what appears to be a lawnmower with a television perched on its handles. He is not a demented gardener: the machine is a sophisticated radar device and the man is searching for buried pipes. The radar does the probing and displays its findings

The public companies which own the pipes know, of course, where they are buried. The idea is to see whether the radar – known as a ground probing radar (GPR) - can pinpoint them accurately. So far, says Dr Richard Chignell, the Surrey physicist who has been developing the device, the machine has a percentage success rate in the high

GPR is different from the traditional radar which locates and calculates the distance of an object, usually a ship or an aircraft, by bouncing electromagnetic waves off it and timing their return. If one simply took a conventional radar and turned it upside down to look into the earth, the results would be very disappointing Dr Chignell says. Sub-surface objects would not be

discernable because they would be masked by the massive reflection from the Earth's surface. Added to that, the Earth is made up of very absorbent material which drains energy from the radiation as it passes through to find the

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A probe invented to find mines in the Falklands

has won American funds,

Malcolm Brown writes

rate in time the two signals, one from the air-ground interface and one from the

The development of GPR was given impetus by the Falklands conflict. Dr Chienell, who had been involved in research on GPR in a desultory way in the early Eighties, suddenly found himself catapulted to prominence when, in 1984, he became the leader of a research project, funded by the Ministry of Defence, aimed at seeing whether it was possible to find the plastic mines left by the Argentinians. Metallic mines are easy to find with metal detectors. Modern armies have, therefore, turned to plastics which are invisible to conventional detectors. There were about 20,000 mines of nine different kinds laid in 115 minefields on the Falklands.

Dr Chignell went to the islands to collect data on the mines, using the radar to build up a cross-section of each mine type. In the final trials, carried out in the Scottish borders in April 1986, the radar had 100 per cent success.

Dr Chignell submitted plans for clearance of the Falklands but two weeks later his champion, the secretary of state for defence, Michael Heseltine, resigned. This effectively killed the project. Dr Chignell, who was at the time working for ERA Technology - formerly the Electrical Research Association — decided to go it alone. In January 1987 he started EMRAD, based at Surrey university's science park, to develop the technology for civilian use.

If the radar could be taught to "see" buried plastic mines on the Falklands it could equally well be trained to detect objects such as plastic gas pipes, clay sewers, the different strata of materials such as the earth, concrete and bitumen used to build roads.

Scientists in America and Japan are also working on GPR and, in Britain, British Gas is testing a pipe locating system. All the experts agree that the greatest problem for GPR is to locate objects in clay, which absorbs a great deal of the radiation. Dr Chignell, whose company employs seven people who works from a small starter unit on the Surrey university's research park, says he has overcome this difficulty. EMRAD's first product, a plastic pipe location device, is being funded by Americans, and will be sold there. The

radar has been on trial in the US for 18 months and spent most of the summer in New York. Dr Chignell expects to build 50 machines, costing about £16,000, for the United States next year but believes the ground probing radar market is no different from the air radar market. "I see a potential for everything from simple hand-held radars that are equivalent to the sort of thing you put on your weekend boat, through to sophisticated military systems," he says.



Divine invention: Dr Ckigwell and his ground probe

Beetles make rainforest record

must have had an inordinate taste for beetles. There are 9,000 species of bird in the world and 4,000 mammals, but the known beetle species already total 350,000 and that is certainly a gross underestimate.

A new field study centre being built in the tropical rainforest of Brunei is certain to add to those numbers. The Royal Geographical Society and the University of Brunei recently signed an agreement to set up the centre in unspoilt rainforest in Temburong.

This weekend Catriona Prebble, the project's administrator, leaves Britain for Brunei to start setting up the centre, which will be used by more than 50 scientists led by Lord Cranbrook, a biologist,

Brunei is to be invaded by scientists on the lookout for wildlife success stories

identified and named. The

old urge to list and catalogue

the species which motivated

Victorian collectors has given

way to a different emphasis,

that of understanding how

they relate to one another and

Nick Mawdsley, of the

Natural History Museum, will

be examining how insect spe-

cies change from tree to tree,

and Ruth Levy, of St Cross

College Oxford, will be look-

The government of Brunei

sees the new study centre as a

the rainforest.

ing at ants.

in a 15-month programme of more than about one fifteenth work due to start in January of the plants and creatures of the rainforest have been

They will find all the beetles they could possibly want. During a recent visit to Brunei, Nigel Stork, of the Natural History Museum, one of the project's scientific supervisors, discovered 400 species of beetle in just one tree. Research suggests that the

canopy of each species of tropical tree contains 100 to 200 species of beetle peculiar to it. With 50,000 species of tropical tree, that gives a total of between five and ten million species of canopy beetle

So far, it is thought that no

wooden buildings containing a laboratory and computer room, a mess, and accommodation. Up to 35 scientists will be

able to live there at any time. The site is about two hours from the town of Banga by road and longboat, but the rainforest is pristine. "There are not many rainforests in the world left like that," Ms Prebble says.

The money for the buildings comes from Brunei, while the expedition is being supported by corporate sponsors. Of the £480,000 needed, £150,000 has been found from GreenCard Charitable Trust, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank and Royal Brunei Airlines, with the rest still to be raised.

NIGEL HAWKES

Third world offers cheap expert staff

ess developed countries, which have an abundance of qualified panies that want to reduce IT against the savings."

expenditure and staff costs. some countries. Eastern European and African companies tise to British companies.

India has given the lead as many large businesses, from London Underground to 12 months if the job still Britannia Building Society, exists, John Gorman, the are having systems developed at a hefty discount to the cost of British competitors. Eygpt is the latest country to have been selected for offshore systems development. The Credit Suisse bank,

for example, has announced plans to create a technical facility in Egypt to undertake software development projects. A number of areas were examined including coundevelopment ware development tries in southern Europe. The north

African state was selected as it elopment centre in Dublin offered an excess supply of and expects to employ more technically qualified graduates and an open-door policy to-

wards foreign investment.
Eastern bloc countries are also seeking to capitalise on the trend. Hungary is keen to promote itself to British companies. Ervin Kovacs, the director of the Hungarian state-owned software house Szamalk, says there are about 20,000 information technology staff in Hungary keen to

offer their services abroad in

exchange for foreign currency. Computer services companies are open to the proposal as they seek to become more profitable in the face of the UK downturn. "There is an increasing need to examine these opportunities and, rather than just Hungary, there is also Poland, Czechoslovakia, and the USSR also has potential," Tony Lewis, a director of the Computing Services Association, says.

"But it is a slow process and firms have to become familiar with the idea. Systems specifications have to be done

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graduates but restricted over here for the coding to employment prospects, are take place offshore. Firms offering systems development have to weigh the cost of at lower rates to British com- developing the specification

Closer to home, Ireland is This trend will put further emerging as another alterpressure on the jobs market, as native to developing systems more British firms take in-house. Companies are advantage of the offshore attracted by many factors, capabilities being offered by including the financial inducements the government is offering. Companies are liable only are joining places such as for 10 per cent corporate tax India in providing local exper- until 2010 and are paid £6,000 to £10,000 per job created, with half the fee payable immediately and the rest after director of the Irish Industrial Development Authority (IDA), says.

The IDA estimates there are 300 IT companies in Ireland. Salaries for IT staff are about London-based subsidiary of 20 per cent lower than in the rents are much

Egypt is the cheaper. Norwich Union. latest place Oracle and Electo have been tronic Data Systems are some of picked for the companies to have announced systems plans to open soft-

centres there. ICL than 100 staff by 1992.

Many firms also see the move as one of the most effective means of overcoming the problem of declining numbers of school leavers and graduates in the United Kingdom. Most large American computer manufacturers have plants in Ireland and are heavily involved in research and development. They are increasingly taking on original design projects, as opposed to assembling systems designed in the United States.

These developments are increasing the opportunities for engineers and scientists as well as software engineers. Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC) has been in Ireland for 20 years and employs more than 1,700 staff at its three manufacturing and software development centres. DEC is hiring scientists in diverse areas such as thermal dynamics as it expands its engineering design operations.

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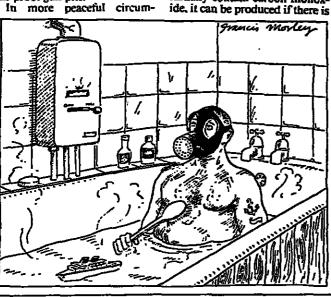
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B efore North Sea gas, which is free of carbon monoxide, replaced coal gas, poisoning by gas was both a favoured means of committing suicide and a frequent cause of accidental death. Even now, more than 1.000 deaths a year in England and Wales are caused by carbon monoxide poisoning Carbon monoxide is colourless, tasteless, non-irritating, and, when pure, odourless. Poisoning from the gas is ubiquitous, with cases occurring in the factory, in the home, in young people's ramshackle flats, possibly even in the army. Now that British soldiers are preparing again for gas warfare, they should remember that one of the more remote hazards of the first world war was the accumulated carbon monoxide fumes from the rapid firing of Lewis machine guns in gas-proof gun pits.

Dose of blocked

stances, night watchmen who take their braziers into their huts, and drivers of old bangers with leaking exhausts, are muchquoted victims. In reality, the danger is much more important to the tens of thousands of householders who daily risk their sanity and lives by using casually installed, and badly maintained, gas appliances.

Few people realise that, although North Sea gas does not initially contain carbon monoxide, it can be produced if there is



Most cases of chronic poisoning will, it is hoped, be diagnosed before the patient turns salmon pink and lapses into unconsciousness. Minor degrees of carbon monoxide poisoning provide a wide variety of vague symptoms: headaches, muscle weakness, dizziness, breathlessness, and an intellectual deterioration accompanied by a poor

> A clue to inadequate combustion may be given if an appliance has a floppy, yellow flame as a result of a blocked flue or an

incomplete combustion. This

can arise when an appliance is poorly maintained or its air

supply is restricted; for example,

when someone soaks in a hot

bath fed by a gas geyser, and with

the bathroom ventilation hole stuffed with an old towel, or

when they sit by blazing gas logs

in a room that has had all draughts excluded.

A report in the British Medical

Journal by doctors Rudy Craw-

ford, David Campbell and John

Ross, from Aberdeen, reminds

doctors of the dangers of carbon

monoxide poisoning, and the difficulties its diagnosis can

cause. The doctors quote the plight of an Aberdeenshire farn-

ily who had a badly installed and

A grandmother, aged 84, was

the first to suffer. Her repeated

lapses into unconsciousness and

her deteriorating mental con-

dition were, despite periodic admissions to hospital, attrib-

uted to minor strokes. The true

cause was realised only when 12

members of the family were

discovered scattered around the

house, suffering from varying

depths of unconsciousness

under-maintained gas boiler.

Season of exotic danger

cattered among the deni-zens of the waiting room at a sexually transmitted disease clinic there are always a few well tanned faces. In the summer they belong to returning holidaymakers from the Mediterranean. but by the autumn a change can be noticed and the sunburnt are obviously more opulent than is the average inner city patient. The season of trips to exotic places has begun and the casualties of the night life are trickling in for treatment.

Dr C.J. Ellis, a consultant in Birmingham, has written to the British Medical Journal to point out the relative risks of catching Aids while on holiday abroad. By the end of last August, more than three times as many people had caught Aids from heterosexual sex while overseas than in this country. This year, an overseas traveller is ten times more likely to die of Aids caught abroad than from malaria.

These figures are only a frac-tion of those who will have caught HIV, and who will later succumb to Aids. The situation can only get worse. Bangkok and Rio de Janeiro, and the other sex cities of the Far East and South America, are now prepared to acknowledge there is a problem. and that the epidemic already apocalyptic in Africa is spreading to them.

Dr Ellis estimates that the casual sexual partners of some of his patients who undertake short contracts in African countries

have a 50 per cent chance of being HIV positive. He adds another dire warning many European cities have more cases of Aids than we do.

The cheerful holidaymakers returning from Spain may soon start to be victims of a disease more sinister than the usual nonspecific urethritis and thrush.



Taking the water

The Prince of Wales, in taking the waters at Glastonbury at the weekend, was embracing a custom popular in the 18th and parts of the 19th centuries. At that time, the rich were able to afford spa treatment and to follow the strict regimen at Bath, Harrogate, Droitwich or Buxton. A rest from 100 much food and drink, unremitting parties and strange women doubtless improved their physique, and the exercise time in the pool was a valuable means of loosening stiffened



joints; but the water they drank, if it was ingestible, was quite valueless except for a slight laxative quality. At Droitwich, the water is similar to that of the brine in the Dead Sea and undrinkable. Water has been drunk from time to time from holy wells at Glastonbury. Walsingham and a host of other places of pilgrimage, but the restorative power of these waters, if any, is mystical rather than medical. Dr John Popert, a rheumatologist in the Worcester and Droitwich area, said: "No medical virtue has ever been shown in drinking strange waters and Droitwich water would choke anybody. The value of spa treatments lies in the physiotherapy and hydrotherapy they provide. Droitwich pool is filled with brine from 200ft below which is so strong that it supports the patient. It is warm, so the patient has supported exercise therapy and heat treatment all at the same time."

Beware of the bull?

More people are giving up meat for

health reasons. Can we really live

without it, should we? Ann Kent reports



ne man's meat has always been another man's poison. In the past, most vegetarians turned their back on animal products for moral reasons: they believed that taking life in order to eat was cruel and unnecessary. But a more self-interested group is joining the vegetarian ranks.

Their dietary change has been prompted by fears for their own welfare, fuelled by reports about antibiotic and pesticide residues in meat and the possibility of catching bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). The new, selfish vegetarian may also believe that eating meat will contribute to the risk of heart disease and

In a Gallup poll published last April, 43 per cent of those questioned claimed to have reduced their meat consumption. Ten per cent said they were now either vegetarian or were avoiding red meat. The poll was carried out in January, just before a BSE

According to Greg Sams, the inventor of the Vegeburger, who commissioned the Gallup poli: "In the past, people were vegetari-ans because they disliked the killing of animals. The trend has now moved towards self-interest. People feel healthier when they give up meat - they have more energy, sleep better, have less

Surveys similar to Gallup's have been conducted since 1984, but this was the first to cite health as the main reason for the abandonment of meat eating. The public perception that meat

is bad for you has damaged both farmers and butchers. Red meats, particularly lamb and beef, are continuing to decline in popularity, while there is a big increase in the consumption of poultry. But are the fears of the selfish vegetarian justified, and is his or her diet really healthier? A report from the Meat and

Livestock Commission and the Health Education Authority (HEA) points out that poultry eaten with the skin on contains two or three times as much fat as lean red meat. The report, "Meat, high nutrient content of red meat - particularly in the form of protein, the B vitamins, iron and. other trace elements - and is particularly concerned to correct any impression that red meat is intrinsically high in fat. Pork, regarded by many people as a fatty meat, has the lowest fat content of the red meats, and the lowest

proportion of saturated fats.



The commission is in the middle of a £1.3 million "Meat to Live" advertising campaign, which stresses that meat is a rich source of iron, the mineral essential for fitness and energy.

Nevertheless, a number of studies examining the health of vegetarians suggest they have lower blood cholesterol levels, suffer less heart disease and are less likely to succumb to cancer than meat eaters.

But Anne Heughan, a nutritionist with the Coronary Prevention Group, says the health of a vegetarian depends very much on what type of vegetarian he or she is. "If vegetarians are eating plenty of fruit and vegetables and lots of whole grain foods, their diet may well be healthier than average, provided their diet does not depend too much on cheese and milk, which are high in fat. We know that the antioxidants in vegetables have beneficial effects in terms of avoiding cancer and

The problem with the research ans is there may be other factors at work which have nothing to do with the diet. For example, anyone who takes the trouble to be a vegetarian may be the type of person who is generally more health conscious, more likely to exercise, less likely to smoke."

Although British heart disease rates are high, we do not eat vast amounts of meat compared with other nations. According to "Meat, Diet and Health", the average Briton eats about 25 per cent less meat than a Frenchman German or Dane and about 30 per cent less than an American.

Nevertheless, Caroline Hurren, the nutrition officer with the HEA, believes that we eat too much meat, and that meat is not an essential part of the diet. But she adds: "If you give it up, you have to think about how to replace the missing nutrients. Because meat is such an important source of protein, iron, zinc and the B vitamins, we would advise people to keep it in their diets, but to trim the fat off or buy leaner cuts."

Roger Whitehead, the director of the Medical Research Council's Dunn Nutrition Unit, says that people who cut out meat risk a deficiency in a number of micronutrients, particularly iron.
A mixed diet that includes meat is the biological norm" for mankind, and ideally one meal ing red meat should be eaten every day.

people moving towards vegetarianism without giving care and attention to their diet, we could expect a rise in nutritional disorders such as anaemia and zinc and magnesium deficiency," Dr Whitehead says. Professor Michael Crawford,

"If we had a large number of

the director of the Institute of

London, believes that the ideal diet would be similar to that eaten in Japan and Mediterranean countries, containing much more fish, cereals and vegetables than is consumed in Britain, but still including meat. "The Japanese have the highest longevity in the world, and they also look younger than westerners, while heart disease rates are much lower in Mediterranean countries," he says.

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Many people appear to be substituting fish for red meat in their diet. According to the Sea Fish Industry Authority, fish consumption has been increasing steadily over the past three years. Fish is an excellent source of easily digested animal protein, and it is rich in polyunsaturated fatty acids, which are said to give protection against heart disease. Fish also contains zinc and iron, although generally in lower quantities than red meat.

Concerns about meat provide opportunities for retailers who are prepared to move with the times. Michael Wilby, a butcher in the market town of Diss in Norfolk, offers customers a range of lean meats, including low-fat, homemade sausages and beefburgers.
"We are able to tell our customers where we get the meat, show them what it looks like on the bone, and talk-about the safety aspects," he says. "If outchers are struggling, it is because they are not changing with the market."

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sharp end of Harley Street. The British Medical Acupuncture Society was celebrating its tenth anniversary there amid a warm glow of respectability. There was even a hint of scientific credibility.

While anybody can put up a brass nameplate and start jabbing with disposable needles costing £8 per 100, the society represents all that is clinically clean. Its 650 members are all medically qualified doctors, dentists, or in a few cases, veterinary surgeons. They hold scientific meetings, encourage research, organise training courses and publish their own journal twice a year. But, to their chagrin, they also are rather lost in a haystack of thousands of other practitioners with less than perfect

"We are opposed to unfounded therapeutic claims for acupuncture and the prac-

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tice of it by people lacking a us believe in yin and yang any medical background," says Dr more, if we ever did," says Dr Paul Marcus, the chairman of the society. "In Britain, unlike most other European countries, anyone can set up as an acommochurist. We believe it is conducted studies. time for stricter controls." He says acupuncture should

be carried out only by, or under the close supervision of, medically qualified practitioners who are accountable to the General Medical Council. This would open them to disciplinary proceedings. The society also wants acupuncturists to have professional training in anatomy and physiology, and the ability to diagnose and treat diseases with a range of other techniques. Practitioners should undertake not to use acu-puncture in the treatment of a cer, for which it has no benefit. but instead ensure that the

Without such controls, the unsuspecting patient may become a pincushion, paying about £25 for a session that may do nothing more than improve a charlatan's target practice. Dr Marcus recalls an outbreak of septic arthritis in a group of elderly patients who had shared not only the same acupuncturist, but the same

Although acopuncture has been used for at least 5,000 years, its practitioners still yearn for a scientific embrace. To win it, they may have to find a better explanation for the original Chinese concept on which their discipline is founded. This holds that imaginary lines called meridians link the body's surface with the internal organs. Along these lines are about acupuncture points. Needles inserted into them can reach the body's negative

and positive forces, yin and

yang. "I don't think many of

rheumatologist and member of the society. "Acupuncture does have a scientific basis. The trouble is getting well-

are closely related to the vous system, Dr Liyanage

Acupuncture can stimulate the production of the body's pain-killing chemicals and block pain signals to the brain.

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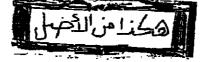
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A CLASSICAL education, as everyone knows, equips you for anything, Indeed, one 19th-century doctor argued that reciting Demosthenes was a splendid means of strengthening the chest. Readers of The First Man in Rome, however, will need more than rock-hard pectorals to grapple with Thorn Birds McCullough's new 800-page blockborer. While a small hoist could come in handy simply to negotiate the pages (the book is almost cubic), nothing less than a serious piece of prose-moving equipment is needed to get brough the story.

McCullough's tale spans the Rome of 110-100BC, when the hick from the sticks, Marius, with no senatorial background anywhere in his family, lays another



axe to the roots of the republican system that had sustained that extraordinary city for some 400 years. First, he encouraged in his army a new intensity of loyalty to its general, rather than the state: and second, he tore up the constitution by allowing himself to be appointed consul no fewer than seven times, five of those in succession. Historians argue about the precise importance of Marius' life. But he unquestionably re-

inforced those precedents that

ultimately generated Pompey, Crassus, and Caesar, the dynasts who, by turning the Republic into an arena in which to fulfil their own personal ambitions, destroyed it, and paved the way for the principate, rule by one man, the princeps - Augustus. Many a fledgeling African state can tell a similar story. Now this is a steaming kedgeree of Roman politics

not to mention the fact that everyone seems to be called Publius, Marcus, Claudius normal circumstances this would not matter. The problem is not so much that Ms McCullough has fallen honelessly in love with it all (quite right too), and plans no lewer than four more volumes in which to take the story from Marius down to Augustus (nor even that the man on the front cover looks like Frankie Howerd): it is that she is quite bereft of cultural imagination.

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HISTORICALS

Peter Jones

THE FIRST MAN IN ROME By Colleen McCullough Century, £14.95

Here the Numidian leader. Jugurtha, who had already spent some years in Rome, is led through the Forum to be incarcerated and die. "At last he would see it, the centre of the world, just as in the olden days the Acropolis had been the centre of the world [I suppose she means Athens, but perhaps an African potentate would not know the difference). And then he set eyes on it, the Forum Romanum [why the Latin?], and was hugely disted. The buildings were little and old, and they didn't face a logical way, for they were all skewed to the north, where the Forum itself was oriented northwest to southeast; the overall effect was slipshod, and the whole place wore an air of dilapida-tion . . . little round temple of Vesta (pretty) ... lofty temple of Castor and Pollux ... Doric austerity of the temple of Saturn."

IT IS clear what has happened. Ms McCullough has a huge box-file labelled "Forum", and she is not going to discard one word of it. going to discard one word or it.

The fact that Jugurtha must have seen the Forum hundreds of times, let alone the likelihood of a man in his position essaying a brief architectural critique at this of all moments, is irrelevant. Unable to absorb information about the past into her creative imagination, McCullough resorts instead to dumping inert sackloads of it over the plot; and so laboured is her handling of storyline, that characters are forced into propping up the action by writing long letters to each other that read like rather ill-digested sixth-form ancient history essays. But filingcabinets are not literature. The 100-page index that accompanies

the work, with its giossary of technical terms, maps, and guides 10 pronunciation (pilum: pee-loom) reinforces the point. This, she says, is evidence of her "scholarship"; who cares about her "scholarship"? She is writing a novel, not a text-book (and she thinks that a fellator irrumates and vice-versa, which does not confidence in her

"scholarship" either). The whole book, in fact, reads like a massive Latin primer in the slaves, put on their togas, go into the Forum, admire the baths, hear the poets, and visit the gardens, while the queen sends the letters. Given its complexity. it must say something for McCullough that she staggers through the story at all; and her desire to get the "facts" right is commendable. But her cultural imagination is sterile, and the finished product a dead weight.

LUTATIUS



John Updike, Homer of the angst and absurd confusions and sad heroism of the middling American hero of our middling times

own the rabbit-hole

just human, bodies with brains at one end and the rest just plumbing." Ah, but such plumbing. One of the peculiar pleasures of this fat blue tome, the final instalment in John Updike's Rahbit quartet, is the gloopy relish with which the author treats the squeichily biological side of life. And that doesn't just mean sex. Harry "Rabbit" Angstrom, ex-basketball hero, semi-retired Toyota salesman, and overweight amateur golfer, is fading; his plumbing is spectacularly shot to pieces. While plenty of authors write incisively about the heart, few actually get stuck in there with a scalpel. Here, Rabbit's "heart" is no knot of slushy emotions, but a gunged-up muscle that throbs like

lifeblood pumping gloriously. Rabbit's insides are "like the sea to him, dark and wet and full of things he doesn't want to think He is a kind American Ulysses, his day-to-day life a tricky voyage over the hostile waters of his own body. Beside this grand struggle, the main "action" of the novel - the exposure and straightening out of Rabbit's junkie son, Nelson, and (even harder) the entertainment of his grandchildren - at first seems marginal. Yet, as Updike gently weaves his (utterly convincing)

fiction into the (curiously unreal)

a twitching fist, and his dance to

its desperate beat keeps the novel's

Michael Wright in the warren of dark symbolism of an American Odysseus

warp of the Eighties, a telling pattern emerges. Nelson's cocaine addiction drains the family business of capital, Rabbit's addiction to sodium-loaded munchies drains his vital organ of life, and the folly of both Angstroms provides a metaphor for the Eighties themselves: Everything falling apart, airplanes, bridges, eight years under Reagan of no-

body minding the store, making money out of nothing, trusting in God." Rabbit, like America, suffers,

not just from a dicky ticker, but from chronic hubris. Signing a cheque in Valhalla Village, "he feels like a god casually despatching thunderbolts". So perhaps we should see him as a crumbly Either way, he is a splendidly vivid protagonist, a wheezy old set of bagpipes still grinding out a tune, and brimming with such palpable life that new readers need have no fear of feeling alienated.

The present-tense narrative is dense but easy-going. Spattered with dollops of stream-ofconsciousness, the quirky sensuality of the language (to say nothing of the growly chauvinistic generalisations he makes) alerts us to the fact that we are seeing the world largely through Rabbit's eyes. This is fun, since Updike has endowed the old rogue with a faux-poetic talent for expressing his singular observations, which are at once acute and obtuse; a nurse, for example, has hair "like oodles of black noodles or packets of small fires

crackers". RABBIT AT REST Gradually, as By John Updike André Deutsch, £14.99 the narrative progresses, the imagery and sensual details

seem to lose some of their vitality. but criticism is largely disarmed by Rabbit's admission that "ever since they poked that catheter in. there's been something drained about his emotional responses". "That catheter" was inserted

his groin and steered up various tubes, before being inflated near his heart to crack away some of the plaque on his plumbing. Ugh. Rabbit is invited to watch the sickening process on a television screen, in a light parody of the invasive sensationalism of television. He himself is hooked on the media, and when his wife comes to discuss their son's crisis, he would prefer to watch the box. "Somehow he can't believe that

ranks with the national news."-· Updike must have worked fast

because his references to films and factual events are summismely up to date, making the novel's satire doubly dark, glittering and abra-sive, like a sheet of coarse-grained emery paper. The Lockerbie disaster, for example, with its bodies "tumbling down like wet melon seeds", is a leitmotiv running through the novel, filling Rabbit with morbid curiosity. He knows that he himself is "falling helplessly falling towards death". and a sense of doom hangs over him from the outset, when he stands in the "crypt-like" terminal of a Florida airport. So when. finally, he is close to death, there is a cool propriety in the circular desk of the intensive care unit being "like an airport control tower". The novel brims with cyclic processes, from the exquisite descriptions of the effects of the seasons to the wheeling of the planets in their spheres. Doom is tinged with optimism. The carnal rubs shoulders with the

cosmic, and it works. Like Mr Shimada, the Toyota bigwig who finally comes to withdraw the franchise from the family car business, the novel is like a bean-bag filled to the corners with buckshot. It may be tightly packed, but it's surprisingly comfortable, and a worthy place for Rabbit to come to rest. Rabbit is dead; long live Rabbit.

England seen as bedlam

Hugh Barnes

STARES By Roy Fuller Sinclair-Stephenson, £12.95

ROY FULLER'S Stares, his first novel for 20 years, could hardly be more insubstantial. It tells the story of a handful of eccentrics who suffer mild agonies in the course of rehearsing a play. Only the setting comes as a surprise. The action takes place inside a lunatic asylum which has the wispy, unreal quality of abstraction. From the beginning, in fact, the enonymous hospital resembles one of those literary never-never lands designed to allow fugitives to uncover their true scives. Fuller's characters walk around the grounds, chat about this and that, and bump into each other in upstairs corridors. After 30 or 40 pages of this routine you can't help wondering just who these people are and what, if anything, is going to happen.

In many ways, the charm of the novel is that the characters appear to be wondering the same thing. The play's the thing that does the trick. The theatrical germ is brought to the hospital by William Toyne, a second-rate actor who conceives a plan to produce The Seagull, casting his fellow-patients in the various roles. The story of how he ended up at Stares surfaces in flashbacks of a tragic homo-sexual affair. More flashbacks reveal the other case histories in his amateur troupe. The plotting cannot be faulted. Fuller offers a cautionary tale of the insidious dangers of acting. Whereas Che-khov's genius, however, arises from the logic of character, the inhabitants of Stares are no more than their established ties and opinions, oddball verging on cute, and almost interchangeable.

. The conjunction of fictional and real-life characters wreaks havoc on the novel's dialogue. People are forever saying things like "Being here is rather like being in a play". At different times different characters quote different extracts from The Seagull and ask, "Do you believe that?"; at which point, of course, everybody chips in.

What dates the novel a bit is a kind of literary allusiveness. rather hard to justify nowadays. The trouble with novels whose characters discuss other novels, or plays or poems is that they run the risk of too much name-dropping Fuller cannot stop himself ticking the register of classic works in which the play-acting motif occurs. So we get tiresome references to Hamler, Marat-Sade, and A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Stares is not by any means a satisfying novel, but its flaws are compelling, and it manages to unsettle the reader in a way. The relative lack of moral tension should not obscure the fact that Fuller is trying to do something terribly difficult here. He wants us to accept the lunatic asylum as a microcosm of England as a whole, a country in which nobody is well. Uneasy symbolism of this kind works better in poetry than in prose. It may just be that Roy Fuller's novelistic skills are a little rusty after 20 years in which he has confined his output to verse.

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Nightmare of our inferno

biographical magnum opus, O the Nazi death camps have never lost their fictional useful-ness, even, God forbid, providing ballast for Kirk Douglas's recently published bed/gas chamber potboiler. In A Prayer for Katerina Horovitzova, first published in the novelist's native Czech in 1973. Auschwitz survivor Arnost Lustig returns devastatingly to Levi's apocalyptic territory.

The novel has the hard and fast

simplicity of a parable. A young girl arrives with her doomed family at a vast death factory. Katerina Horovitzova is saved by a Jewish-American, who, along with several other affluent businessmen, has fallen into Nazi hands, but is to be shipped home as part of a prisoner exchange. On request she is permitted to accompany them, which has the look of a humanitarian gesture. until it emerges that the Americans' urbane Nazi escort, who regularly demands money from their well-stocked Swiss bank accounts as each new travel complication arises, contrives to profit by her presence, too. Comprehensively fleeced, they end up

you know where.

The world Lustig has recreated is a pure vision of the inferno, in which every detail carries its share of meaning. Katerina herself is an immaculate characterisation of pallid innocence adnit in the dark, though the fact that she is also a dancer, slight but sinuous, a body as well as a soul, gives her a further symbolic dimension. Confined to the passive role of a supplicant while life still beckons, she turns in a compellingly active final performance once it no longer does. Kirk Douglas should stick to the silver screen

On the Eve of Uncertain Tomorrows, Neil Bissoondath's affecting second collection of short stories, is largely about those who have managed to reach North America. where the new life continues to be perilous, undianified and not necessarily worth the trip, in the

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title story, a group of refugees wait to learn whether the government will grant them asylum. In "Cracks and Keyholes", an immigrant earns his keep wiping floors and tables in a strip joint.

There are several stories that are not specifically about West Indian Latin American no-hopers creating new space for themselves in Canada, but, even when he tells of a salesman who pathetically takes up smoking to curry favour with a fellow night-class student, Bissoondath's theme is displacement, being on foreign terrain, looking for the exit door from a lonely existence. If his prose tends to be languorous, at times overworked, it is no different from his usually likeable characters.

Andrew Davies's short stories are quite the reverse - terse. abrupt, and more often than not about sex. One's initial impression is that Dirty Faxes and Other Stories betrays a lack of imaginative effort. Several of the short stories are about short story writers, a couple of them reheat screenplays originally delivered to and filmed by the BBC, and another pair behave in the cleverclever manner patented by David Lodge, needlessly turning out to be stories within stories.

But there are gems here, too. most of them reliant for their effects on laughing at other peo-ple's discomfort, be it the impotent despair of the programmer whose computer system has been infected by a raiding virus, or the misery of the scriptwriter who can only research the lot of the tramp by becoming one. The dirty faxes of the title are abusive x-rated messages that aningonistically spew forth into the home of an uptight writer. Davies's own message seems to be that a writer must be anything but uptight, and these hits and pieces of narrative find him on a fitfully entertaining mission to demonstrate how uptightness can be avoided.
In The Old Man and Mr Smith.

God and the Devil pay a visit to Earth to check up on the progress of the human race in the late 20th century. It hardly needs stating that this is a big subject, but if it is worth having Peter Ustinov at the helm, it is because the comic possibilities are as substantial as the philosophical ones. Although they could not be more incomparible. Ustinov attempts them both. and gives himself no choice but to botch the job. His conclusion seems to be that we live in a funny-old world. We do, but Kirk Douglas could have told us that.

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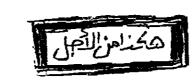
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Backcloth and ashes won't do

cally opposing views of the four-and-a-halfmonth closure of the Barbican Theatre that starts on Saturday. One is that the good ship Royal Shakespeare Company has been sabotaged by a dastardly Arts Council. The other is that its own officers are scuttling her in a crazed display of vindic tive defiance. The truth is probably less sensational. Yes, the company has some cause for complaint. No, it surely was not necessary to shutter its London home - and the RSC may be seeking to manipulate public and political opinion by doing so. Thirty years after its creation,

there is no need to justify the RSC either as one of the nation's vital resources or as part of London's cultural geography. The company has had its downs as well as its ups, its Carries and dreary Moscon Golds as well as its Wars of the Roses and Nicholas Nicklebys. 1t has and has not fulfilled its two primary objectives as defined by its departing chief executive, Terry Hands. Over-elaborate direction has sometimes left critics wondering it, as he claims, "the text and the actor are the primary means of communication with the public". But again and again the company has magnificently proved that "Shakespeare is the

greatest living playwright".

Moreover, it has nurtured the best and brightest talent: from Judi Dench in the 1960s to John Wood in the 1970s; from Antony Sher in the 1980s to Simon Russell Beale, the star of what is, as it happens, a particularly fine season in Stratford now. But such performers would not have stayed for long with the company if it had not promised them transfers to London. Without a metropolitan base, it cannot groom the major actors of tomorrow.

That is one reason why the RSC cannot retreat permanently to fortress Stratford, as it threatens to do if it does not get a large increase in its grant next year. In any such Doomsday scenario, it would do better to abandon the cosy Cotswolds for London, where the big actors, directors and audiences are, and send its better productions to tour the nation. This is, in fact, an option that the RSC has surreputiously pondered in the past. But has Doomsday really come? Was it even necessary temporarily to shut the Barbican?

The RSC continues to proclaim to the world that it receives less in state support, both in hard cash and as a percentage of income, than its main rival. It gets £6.05

Chief drama critic Benedict Nightingale

asks whether the RSC has adequately

explored the alternatives to a

damaging absence

from London

million in "base subsidy" to run four theatres in two towns - five. assuming the Other Place re-opens in Stratford next year - while the National gets £8.9 million for three under one roof. Again, the RSC keeps repeating that a Cabi-net Office scrutiny of its finances in 1983 described it as underfunded. Where (it obsessively asks) is the extra £5.7 million it would have received if the report's recommendations had been

Well, no doubt the Arts Council should get more from the Treasury, and the RSC more from the

'I could have put on a repertoire of potboilers: we might have got another 10 or 15 per cent at the box office'

TERRY HANDS

Arts Council. But this is Britain in the economically troubled 1990s, not Germany, not Sweden, not even Britain in the 1960s. Any organisation must adapt to Darwinian realities; and if that means the RSC contracting, compromising, or otherwise changing in order to survive at the Barbican, then that is what it must and should have done.

Consider the figures. By keeping the Barbican dark, the RSC says it will save £2.4 million in costs and lose £1.1 million in income. Thus it prevents its deficit rising from £3 to more than £4 million. But this seems based on pessimistic forecasting. If the company achieved the 75 per cent audiences

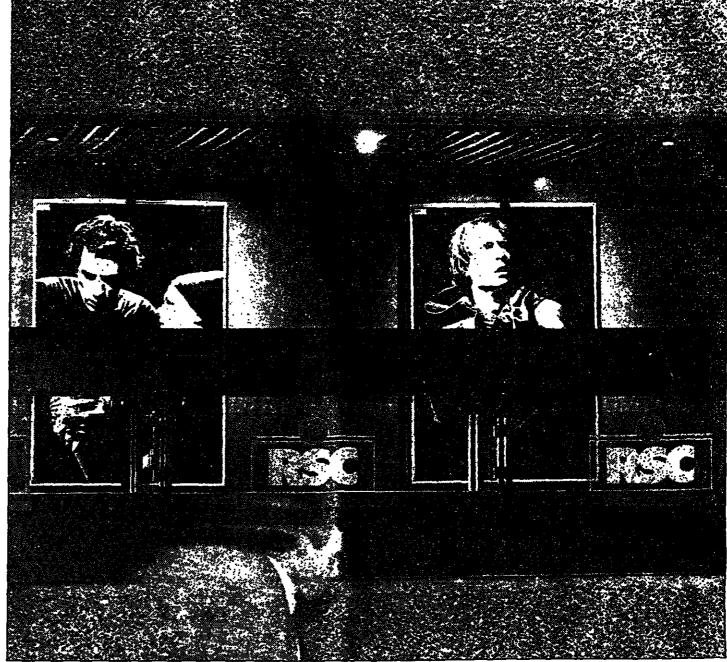
nearly £4 million at the Barbican box-office, it would have made more between early November and mid-March than £1.1 million. And if Hands had offered a more popular programme before then, income could - by his own admission - have significantly

risen.
"I could have put on a repertoire of potboilers," he said last week, "I could have brought in Donald Sinden in Private Lives, done a musical like Show Boat, and revived my own Much Ado About Nothing or Bill Alexander's Merry Wives of Windsor, and we might have got another 10 or 15 per cent at the box office." Suppose such a season continued through the autumn, and ended with a longish re-run of the RSC's successful Peter Pan or Wizard of Oz. Suppose Hands chose to expose the company's financial problems, and save it an annual £150,000, by closing the Pit, as Peter Hall once closed the Cottesloe. Suddenly the saving made by withdrawing entirely from the Barbican begins to look less impressive. Instead, the RSC chose to bring

to the Barbican and Pit two revivals and four new plays, among them Brenton and Ali's Moscow Gold, an expensive production of a theatrical tribute to President Gorbachev that has found favour with neither critics nor public. The intention was obviously to signal that there would be no artistic surrender at the RSC. If the company once agreed to become a money-mak-ing travesty of itself, the thinking went, it might find itself doomed to remain one. Its paymasters could argue that it survived nicely enough at its present level of subsidy. And better dead than bland; or so the RSC's current philosophy seems to be.

But the dilemma, though real, is not so clear-cut. Moreover, such an argument begs questions. Does temporary compromise ensure permanent compromise – and what is compromise, anyway? The company needs to look hard at its new-play policy, for instance. Politically combative work is not always exciting, challenging work, nor are defiantly uncommercial plays necessarily worthwhile. Witness Moscow Gold or the silly Dream of People, now at the Pit.

Right: percentage increases in the wage bill (top line), and retail price index (middle), related to the RSC's Arts Council subsidy, with 1984/5 as base year



Must the foyers go dark? The RSC has been at the Barbican since 1982, providing an important part of London's cultural geography

Hands's own recent Coriolanus, with the bankable Charles Dance, was more stimulating than either. The same might even be said for Coward's scurrilous Private Lives,

at least without Joan Collins in it. Adrian Noble, who succeeds Hands next year, believes as strongly as his predecessors that the company's classic work is invigorated by some immersion in modern plays. But he has inti-mated that he will choose these more carefully. And while he and his colleagues are unlikely to want company and repertoire system with proven strengths, they must surely also use their honeymoon period for unromantic selfexamination.

Agreed, the RSC's 700-strong force of actors and support-staff is barely larger than in 1983 and has

when actors rather than decorshould be providing the visual The Arts Council is now finishing a report on the RSC, and no doubt it will address many such questions. For what it is worth, the word is that it is unlikely to be highly critical. But it surely cannot duck certain conclusions. Cuts are painful and usually to be avoided, but they can invariably be made. somewhere. If a company is determined to stay alive, it will do so, somehow, If the RSC wants to

remain in London, it will remain

rather more to do. Is there still

room for trimming? Agreed, the company should make full use of

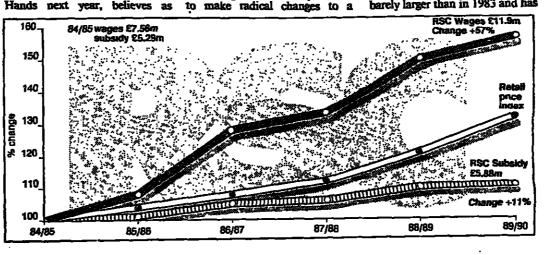
its performers, casting each in as

many plays as talent and energy

can manage. Is it really possible to

create, revive or sustain 40 good productions a year? Agreed, a budget of £110,000 for a major

show is not big by West End standards — but isn't this a time



Three decades of peaks and troughs

Peter Hall takes over as artistic director of the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratfordupon-Avon. Rebuilds stage. Opens London base at the Aldwych. Expands programme to include new plays and non-Shakespearean classics. Doubles the company's output and company size.

speare Memorial Theatre company becomes the Royal Shakespeare Company. Previously self-supporting operation goes into loss. Negotiations begin for subsidy from the Arts Council.

RSC rejects amalgamation with the emergent National Theatre, after three years of private discussions. Hall threatens to leave Aldwych if subsidy is not forthcoming. Twenty-four productions in 12 months include Peter Brook's King Lear, with Paul Scofield.

PSC receives £47,000 from Arts Council: told not to expect future support "at National Theatre level". The Wars of the Roses cycle establishes anti-heroic ensemble style. Hall collapses at funeral bier.

1963-64 Theatre of Cruelty experimental season: includes spectacle of Glenda Jackson stripping naked during sketch comparing Jacqueline Kennedy with

Peter Brook's Maral/Sade. Impresano and RSC governor Emile Littler publicly denounces 1965 City of London Court of Common Council decides to build theatre,

to be leased to the RSC, in

1964

Plays

BRAHMS

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Complete works for piano.&

planned Barbican arts centre: completion expected 1970. Financial crisis: only one new production at Stratford. After troubled start, Trevor Nunn's RSC career blossoms with The Revenger's Tragedy, performed

1967 Hall told opening of Barbican will be delayed until 1972, Resigns. 1968 Trevor Nunn succeeds Hall.

sses that he cennot read a balance sheet. Leads company to record deficit. 1969 Acting strength trimmed. Nunn

increases number of productions transferred from Stratford, 1970 Peter Brook sets A Midsummer

V, starring Alan Howard, the

Night's Dream in gymnasiumcum-circus: on opening night, receives standing ovation at the interval, Helps RSC to its first-ever surplus. During the following decade, move to the Barbican repeatedly postponed.

1971 Season of small-scale projects at The Place Theatre, near Euston. 1972 Nunn announces linked

productions of Shakespeare's Roman plays. Senior colleagues dissent from project: Nunn directs all four plays hims Stratford stage rebuilt, with new hydraulic machinery. The Sunday Times describes effect of subsequent "miniature earthquakes". Playwinghts John Arden and Margaretta D'Arcy picket production of their Arthuran epic, The Island of the Mighty, accusing the company of "impenalism". Trevor Nunn ribes RSC as "left-wing". Tory MP Angus Maude resigns from the board of governors.

1973 Second season at The Place. Peter Hall succeeds Laurence Olivier as director of the National

The Other Place opens in Stratford as a regular home for studio productions; 140 seats installed in the hut previously used for rehearsals. At the insistence of the Arts Council, The Other Place is "self-

Austerity: in Terry Hands' Henry



Final London star: Antony Sher in Singer

Jim Hiley chronicles some of the most famous successes, disasters and financial débâcles in the RSC's history

> English army consists of seven men. By such measures, RSC achieves surplus of £794. RSC opens second small venue at the Warehouse, Covent Garden. Arts Council demurs over further expansion. Hands ells Peter Hall he will resign from the RSC and join the National. the RSC as joint artistic director. Hands accepts. The A Comedy of Empre wins Society of West End Theatre award: Best

RSC gains its first commercial sponsorship: Hallmark Cards contributes £12,000 to smallscale tour of 26 towns.

Theatrical marathons in vogue: John Barton directs cycle of ten plays, The Greeks, and David Edgar scripts eight-hour version of Nicholas Nickleby. Trevor Nunn takes "holiday" to direct 1982

RSC moves into the Barbican

Centre, occupying the main theatre and a studio space, The Pit. Legally bound to stay until the year 2007, at an annual rent of £500,000. Opens with both parts of Henry IV, directed by Nunn. Actors complain of subterranean working conditions: one halts a performance at The Prt because of sweltering heat. The cramped conditions of the Aldwych are now remembered fondly.

Government-commissioned report by Clive Priestley describes RSC as efficient and under-funded. Recommends that subsidy should cover 41 per cent of costs.

1984 Arts Council increases grant in hine with Priestley: fails to match inflation in subsequent years. Trevor Nunn takes sabbatical. Disgruntled actors rumoured to have written to the BBC, asking sercastically to meet Nunn on Jim'll Fix It.

Les Misérables at the Barbican. Transfers to the West End and is produced worldwide. Currently generates £1m a year for the company. Les Liaisons Dangereuses enjoys similar success, on smaller scale and without the music.

Terry Hands takes sole charge as artistic director and chief executive. The quasi-Jacobean

September 1989 The Other Place closes for rebuilding after run of Trevor Nunn's Othello, with Willard White and Ian McKellen. RSC associate director Adrian Noble tells The Times that most of his thanks to gift of £1 8 million from a bashful American, Frederick colleagues "hate" the Barbican R. Koch, Badly attended London season includes lesser-known

Feydeau farces. Dehcit of £1.2

47 per cent of capacity. Hands

decides to "expand our way out

of trouble" by staging 41 productions in the following year.

Record-breaking sponsorship by Royal Insurance announced,

RSC wins Queen's Award for

worth £1.1 million over three

vears. Productions from the Swan transter to the ailing Mermaid Theatre in London.

Hands' production of Carrie opens to poor reviews and

leading lady. Barbara Cook, on the way to Broadway. Closes

eams £250.000. Cutbacks in

company size and number of productions. RSC leaves the

April 1989

July 1989

after five performances, but RSC

Terry Hands says he will quit his

post in 1991, in review of Hands' Romeo and Juliet, The Sunday

Times refers to the "RFC - the

Luke Rittner, secretary general of the Arts Council, denies

cation that withdrawal of

subsidy from the RSC is being

considered. Arts Council grant now meets 27 per cent of

Really Frightful Company".

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November 1989 Noble gives up associate directorship.

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February 8 1990 Hands announces closure of London operation for four months from November, to avoid deficit reaching £4.7m by 1991. But this drastic move will save only £1.3m.

February 14 1990 Adrian Noble appointed successor to Hands, His comprises Michael Artenborough and RSC stalwarts David Briefley and Genista

Royal Insurance sponsorship renewed for a further 3 years, worth £2.1 million. **July 27 1990** First body-blow to Noble: Mointosh joins the National. October 28 1990

Hands says RSC may be forced to quit London altogether: 11 per cent increase in grant is "too little, too late". RSC will retreat to Stratford unless subsidy rises next year by £3.7 million to £9.9

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November 3 1990 Joe Melia speaks the closing words of Singer: "This is a theatre, in which there's always so much else to say If we had all night. And another day." RSC leaves the Barbican.



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Playground sculptures

MILLFIELD School, that exclusive establishment in Somerset, turn its 100-acre site into a "giant sculpture park". This week it launched its 1991 Sculpture Commission: a contest for young sculptors. The winner will receive £6.000 to create a sculpture on the school site, joining the two already created in the last year. "We are not frightened of things that are controversial or challenging," promises Len Green, Millfield's head of art.

High and low

THE much-debated question of whether Rosina in Rossini's Barber of Seville is best sung by a mezzo or a soprano is answered with an elegant compromise by the Royal Opera: try both. For one series of Covent Garden performances (opening on Friday), Rosina will be sung by fiery Greek mezzo, Agnes Baltsa. Two weeks later, she is followed by the Czech soprano, Edita Gruberova.

Dear Mikhail

WHEN Musterlin, the holding company which owned publishers Phaidon, went into receivership last month, one casualty was the Edinburgh company, Canongate. It was an especially bitter blow to Canongate's managing director, Stephanie Wolfe Murray, who had conceived what promised to be her company's greatest coup to date: an anthology of letters titled Dear Mr Gorbachev...: written to the Nobel Prize winner by the great, good and ordinary from round the world. Happily, Wolfe Murray has been able to organise a management buy-out of her own former company, the presses are rolling again, and the book is to be launched at the Soviet Embassy on November 22,

Last chance \dots

SPANISH sculptor Eduardo Chillida was already a talent to celebrate 20 years ago. But at least the delay in celebrating has been amply rewarded by the retrospective on show at the Hayward Gallery, which finishes on Sunday (071-921 0880). The exhibition charts Chillida's development from 1954 to the present, with numerous pieces which were not too heavy, or too firmly anchored to their sites, to be brought to London. A splendid maturity is seen in his most recent works, and it is clear that Chillida, now 66, is still working with undiminished energy and invention.

CINEMA: NEW RELEASES

Comic larceny by the Godfather

Reviews of The Freshman, Love at Large, Bullseye!, The Handmaid's Tale, Young Guns II - Blaze of Glory and Kid, by David Robinson

ndrew Bergman is a clever comedy writer (his credits include Blazing Saddles) and a director with a quick, crisp style. Even so, The Freshman (PG, Odeon Leicester Square) might have passed by as just another eccentric comedy, but for Marion Brando. Brando, when he puts his heart into it, is still a great actor; and here he shows what a great actor can do with even the lightest of comedy.

The freshman of the title is Matthew Broderick - a stylish comedy player himself - who arrives from Vermont to enrol in New York University film department. In no time, through a series of bizarre accidents, he is recruited and virtually adopted by Brando.

the Godfather of Hester Street. He finds himself involved in smuggling animals of endangered species, to grace the tables of a decadent dining club that prefers its meats rare in every sense. Meanwhile his stepfather, an animal rights fanatic, sets the FBI on to his erring ward.

While the extravagance of the plot escalates, Brando holds rock steady, a massive, slow, impenetrable pachyderm. At first his offbeat dicta and seeming failure to grasp what other people say appear like senility. Gradually it becomes clear that on the contrary this is power, his technique of overriding the thoughts and wills of others, to impose his own.
His wrinkled eyes stare into

some vague distance, and he has a ruminative habit of running his tongue around his lower teeth. In public life he appears as a gentle old Italian with a crushed hat and his own table in the back-street espresso bar. In private he is a prince, with a mansion fortress in Queens, New York, the "Mona Lisa" on his wall (he left the Louvre a fake in exchange), and a daughter who is Harvard-bound (he has the nation's educational establishment in his gift).

The supporting cast is suitably bizarre, with Maximilian Schell as a cookery enthusiast with a private zoo-cum-abattoir and an oriental catamite. Paul Benedict. as Broderick's tutor, lampoons the pretensions of film academics. The humans are run close by a dyspeptic giant lizard entrusted to

GoodFellas. A scene of the old Don strolling through his little kingdom, acknowledging the tribute of the shopkeepers and passers-by, neatly captures the ancient feudal traditions that underlie Mafia organisation. For Brando, the college freshman is another poor kid that needs a helping hand: he looks around Broderick's

litely concealing his scorn, "I didn't miss nothing." Those who found GoodFellas immoral might well be still more affronted by The Freshman, in which the hoods end up vindicated as the best of fellows. But comedy has a lot of licence if it is funny enough.

college room and murmurs, po-

Another eccentric cornedy, Love at Large (15 Cannon Oxford Street, Odeon Mezzanine) parodies the private-eye movie. It begins in time-honoured fashion with a beautiful femme fatale (Anne Archer) seeking the services of the shabby private detective hero (Tom Berenger).

The trouble is that the sultry lady is not very good at describing people, with the result that Berenger spends most of the film tailing the wrong man, who fortunately turns out much more

Again the convolutions of the unlikely plot are less important than the gallery of off-centre and bemused characters who figure in it. Alan Rudolph (Choose Me, Trouble in Mind, The Moderns) relishes human oddity: "The characters in my films are like people.] people I see around me every day. It's reality that's bizarre."

Rudolph is a romantic farceur. The characters in his films all yearn for love. The trouble is that they fall in love with the wrong people, or with too many people at the same time, or reject love when it is offered, out of sheer panic. "The first time we've touched," Berenger tenderly growls when the girl in prospect lands him a knockout slap.

Berenger is full of surprises: this messy detective, who spills drinks on his clothes and bumps into things, is an authentic comic creation. He is nicely partnered by Elizabeth Perkins as an enthusiastic tyro detective set on his own tail by his insanely jealous girl-friend. The permanent rain of Broderick's care. friend. The permanent rain of This is the comic side of Portland, Oregon, adds to the

distinctive mood of this enjoyable amorous quadrille.

Yet another crime comedy, Michael Winner's Bullseye! (15, Warner West End, Odeon Marble Arch) establishes a record for garrulity. The tormented plot is regularly explained in great detail; the dialogue is non-stop, with a juvenile taste in doubles entendres; and there is the redundant voice-over without which, since Alfie, no Michael Caine film is complete

Caine and Roger Moore play a team of con-men who happen to be spitting images of two top-brass traitors to Britain's nuclear programme. After that it can only get sillier; and for most of its length the film is simply non-stop, frantic chase. The novelty of the film is that it is practically all shot on London and Scottish locations. but that is small compensation.

Margaret Atwood's novel The Handmaid's Tale (18, Odeon Haymarket) developed the intriguing premise that American far-right, puritanical, Bible-based fundamentalism could, with the minimal modification, become the philosophy for a totalitarian system as brutal as Hitler created. olker Schloendorff's disappointing film

adaptation, scripted by Harold Pinter, describes a bleak nearfuture America. Ethnic minorities have been eliminated and the few still-fertile women in a massively irradiated world are marshalled as an army of "handmaidens": breeding machines assigned to be impregnated by the privileged 'Commanders". Behind the social hypocrisy corruption flourishes, while outside the cities a violent

civil war rages.

There are some good ideas: the aristocracy of ladies in blue twopieces and pearl necklaces; the neo-ecclesiastical rituals that accompany barbaric public executions; or Robert Duvall, excellent as always, solemnly performing the rites of sexual impregnation whilst wearing a go-to-church

Mostly, though, the film is weighed down with humourless pretension. The visualisation of the future has none of the style and invention of a Metropolis or A Clockwork Orange. The dialogue is stilted rather than stylised, both in writing and delivery. The story



Stealing the picture: Marlon Brando uses Matthew Broderick as a shield in The Freshman

leaves too many nagging inconsistencies. Underlying all is a sense that the feminist viewpoint of the original book has become tainted with a degree of male voyeurism. Billy the Kid, most filmed of all

Western legends, rides again in Young Guns II - Blaze of Glory (12, Cannons Haymarker, Oxford Street, Chelsea). This is a sequel to the original brat-pack Western, chronicling Billy's rise to fame and ride to death, following the Lin-coln County War, which was the subject of Young Guns. There is indeed so much cross-reference that without precise recollection of the first film, it is difficult to follow the relationships between the characters.

The plot line is minimal, mainly Billy's attempted flight to Mexico with the remnant of his outlaws, pursued by Pat Garrett, one-time friend turned sheriff. In the hands of the New Zealand director Geoff Murphy, the action - which is most of the film - is better handled than in the predecessor. Emilio Estevez's callous and pathological Billy, though, is more unattractive than ever.

The film adopts the framing device of a nonagenarian who rides out of the desert in 1950, claiming to be Billy the Kid himself. Since the writer-producer John Fusco prides himself on historical accuracy, the incident is probably based on fact.

Kid (18, Prince Charles, Cannon Oxford Street) is a modern reworking of a favourite Western formula. A mysterious silent stranger arrives (on the Greyhound bus) in a nasty little town, bent on vengeance against the men who murdered his parents years before. The sweetness of revenge is one

of the more pernicious pleasures exploited by movies. The avenger in this case is another brat-pack star. Thomas C. Howell, who is required to contribute little more to the role than baleful looks and a purposeful walk through the main street. The director was John Mark Robinson, a graduate from

Breaking up for the sake of the kids

ucked away at the bottom of this week's stories about the financial restructuring of leisure group Brent Walker is important news for the future of Britain's down-at-heel film industry. Brent Walker is selling its Goldcrest film library, production and distribution subsidiary, once this country's white hope in the movie business, to a management buyout led by John Quested, best known for producing the Joan Collins film, The Stud.

Goldcrest was acquired by Brent Walker in 1987 when, after its swift rise to international status in the first half of the decade with films such as Chariots of Fire, it was beginning to falter with expensive flops such as Revolution and Absolute Beginners. At the time Brent Walker, headed by George Walker (a former porter in Billingsgate fish market), harboured ambitions to become a global media company. In the same year it paid £33 million to buy the historic Elstree film studios, another piece of British film history, which was owned by the troubled Cannon group, headed by Israeli cousins Yoram Globus and Menahem Golan.

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in an application to redevelop Elstree, a prime 27-acre site adjacent to the M25. The local Hertsmere Borough Council insisted that planning permission depended on Elstree remaining a film studio. By this year, Brent Walker was having second thoughts about developing a classic integrated media company, with a studio (Elstree), a production company (Goldcrest) and

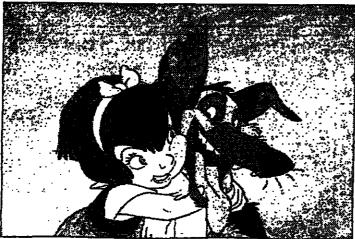
Brent Walker is selling off Goldcrest Films but retaining Elstree Studios. Andrew Lycett looks at the implications for British cinema

two of its other interests - a top London facilities houses (Roger Cherrill) for post-production cutting and editing of films, and three cable television franchises. In the event it has only been

able to find buyers for the core Goldcrest film company. Quested and his management are paying £17 million for the property. including its library of 72 films - Goldcrest classics such as The Mission. Gandhi and The Killing Fields. A further £2 million may be due, depending on the success of the recent Goldcress cartoon production, All Dogs Go to

Heaven. This film, made by the Dublin-based animator Don Bluth, proved a moderate hit at the box-office earlier this year. But it has jumped to number one in the United States video charts, and Goldcrest expects that it will have sold four million video units

"by Christmas" Terry llott, editor of the newsletter Screen Finance and coauthor of a book on Goldcrest. says the newly hived-off production company has "as good a chance of success as any other independent film company in Britain". That is not a particularly



Recent Goldcrest success: All Dogs Go to Heaven

hopeful forecast, but Ilott says that Goldcrest has managed to invest \$55 million (£28.2 million) over the past year in films such as All Dogs Go to Heaven and the Rosanna Arquette vehicle, Black Rainbow. It currently has another Don Bluth cartoon film, Rock-a-Doodle, in production, Goldcrest claims that it intends to stay in feature film production on an international basis.

More concern is voiced in the film industry about the future of what remained in Brent Walker, particularly Elstree. By an agreeable coincidence, Brent Walker was yesterday on the point of signing the final legal documents which will legitimise Hertsmere Borough Council's outline planning permission, granted earlier this month, for the redevelopment of Elstree. The company intends to refurbish the film studio and, more controversially, to build a shopping complex, complete with Tesco superstore, offices, petrol station, public house, restaurant, bars and, just so we remember where we are, a multiplex cinema and film museum. Objectors argue that this means

Elstree has become just a property lot. But Barry Chattington, managing director of the Brent Walker division responsible for the studios, says significant sums have already been spent up-grading its facilities. Four new stages are to be built, together with new post-production facilties. By the middle of next year, he hopes Elstree will be able to entice back the big American companies which made Star Wars and Indiana Jones there in the 1980s.

CRITIC'S CHOICE: VIDEO

A weekly selection of films recently ed on video. The year reters to BORN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

(CiC. 18) Dynamic anti Vietnam epic from Oliver Stone Tom Cruise gives a performance of great strength as paraplegic Ron Kovic the All-American boy turned pacifist 1990. FAMILY BUSINESS (MGM/UA, 15)

Sidney Lumet's muted, mood-hopping action caper. Sean Connery, Dustin Hoffman and Matthew Brodenck as three generations of a New York family whose business is crime. Sluggish at first, but it steadily improves. 1990.

GREETINGS (Castle, 18): Exuberantly dishevelled comedy from the young Brian De Palma, capturing all the and giving early indications that Robert De Niro might be an actor to watch. KISSIN' COUSINS (MGM/UA, U) Elvis resiev as an amorce officer trying to persuade a hilibility relative (Elvis again, with blong hair) to self his homestead to a missile base. Tame despite lunation plot and 12 songs 1964

THE KRAYS (RCA/Columbia, 18) Chilling enquiry into the file and pathology of the East London underworld twins (eenly portrayed by Spandau Ballet luminaries Gary and Martin Kemp). Forceful support from Billie Whitelaw as their doting mother. Director, Peter Medak. 1990.

LET'S GET LOST (Palace, 15): Compelling portrait of the late jazz trumpeler Chet Baker, focusing more on his messy, drug-hazed life than his music Directed by leading fashion photographer Bruce Weber 1988.

LOOK WHO'S TALKING (20 20 Vision, (Kirstie Alley) her faxi-driving chum (John Travolta) and her talking baby (the voice of Bruce Willis) 1990

PINK FLAMINGOES (Casile 18) to which the transvestile Divine s proud claim to be the "filthies! person alive" comes under attack from two jealous villains Not quite cinema s finest hour, though a key early film by John Waters, the maestro of bad taste. 1972.

A WORLD APART (Palace, PG): Chris Menges' sharp drama about South African life in the early Sixties, seen through the eyes of a 13-year-old girl with activist parents, better value for money than many other films with a cause. With Barbara Hershey, Jodhi

GEOFF BROWN

Not much cause for complacency

NOT the best of television nights for those who would like to think that they live in a racially tolerant society. While Dispatches spent an hour on Channel 4 reconstructing with actors the industrial tribunal which on Tuesday found an Asian police constable to have been unlawfully discriminated Rainst for promotion, Timewatch on BBC 2 reconstructed the expulsion of the Jews from England 700 Years ago today.

Both programmes were su-Perbly made and equally terrifying. What Dispatches uncovered was not just one isolated instance, where 19 out of 20 white officers but into the CID while all three applying at the same time and the same credentials got research it also alleged that racial prepare runs through the force, so that word coon becomes a term of normal description rather than above, at least in the ears of

Throughout a cool courtroom

debate, officer after officer would testify that police culture dictates the use of derogatory jokes about racial origin and colour and that this was not, as might have been hoped, some isolated case of conspiracy or peculiar circumstances. It is just that all blacks in the force get treated the same way - appallingly. The police have just started to spend a great deal of money on commercials recruiting black and Asian officers: the allegations in Dispatches are likely to prove expensive to

counteract. Up in Yorkshire. Christopher Andrew was telling an equally cautionary tale about anti-Semitism in Timewatch. It would seem that the English more or less invented it back in 1190 when 150 Jews burned themselves to death in York to avoid being murdered or compulsorily baptised. The old cathedral towns of Norwich and Lincoln were also early bastions of

persecution, largely because most

of their non-Jewish residents were deeply in debt to Jews and saw conflagration as an alternative to repayment. A hundred years after the mass suicides in York. the English became the first nation to throw them all out, thereby setting the pattern for mass expulsions.

Those viewers in full flight from revelations of local intolerance had nowhere much to go beyond prison: after BBC 2's The Sentence on Tuesday, an investigation of life at Glen Parva, the largest institution for young offenders in Europe, came last night's Without Walls. This is the new arts strand on Channel 4, which has already provided some splendid new series and is now setting up a survey on design, which will run in the

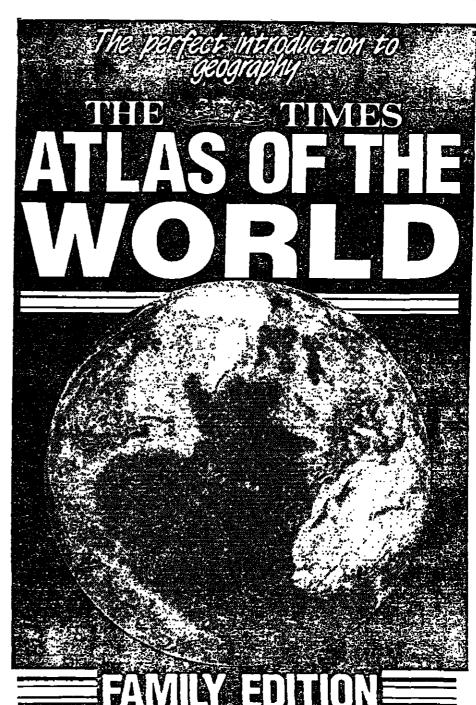
new year with Paul Morley.

As a trailer he offered "The Thing is ... Prisons", a look at the architecture of clinks from Pentonville through to the brandnew Belmarsh in Woolwich, which resembled nothing so much

as a trendily desirable Docklands yuppies. Letters to the editor will doubtless even now be in the post about the architect who told Morley "we don't want to ram home the fact that these chaps are being detained," while even the most docile of poll-tax payers may be wondering about the two-tone brickwork and the calming garden and the desire to erect "humane and reasonable buildings with an urban feel to them".

Morley tends self-consciously to send up his own pieces to camera even while he is delivering them, but he is reassuringly willing to let the camera linger on his blank features while he tries to think of something useful to say to it. In the end his interviewees did most of the thinking for him. "In your open prison," said one, "you get your freedom of movement, your hygiene and your better attitude."

SHERIDAN MORLEY



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Finding their feet in new home

Birmingham Royal Ballet Gala Hippodrome

BIRMINGHAM gave a great welcome to its new haller company on Tuesday. A packed gala audience: Princess Margaret there as president; an amazingly florid fanfare before a highly pompous version of the national anthem (Barry Wordsworth conducting): and a big burst of applause when the curtain went up on Balanchine's Theme and Variations.

We already knew how well Birmingham Royal Ballet would dance this from its Sadler's Wells days, but that did not make its dancing any less pleasing, with Miyako Yoshida's limpid performance at the head of a company on its best form.

Next, a premiere by David Bintley on the stage where his first ballet and several of his subsequent pieces had their first performances. Brahms Handel Variations, using Edmund Rub-bra's orchestration, is a big showpiece of dancing for a company that can put up four leading women of exemplary quality.

This is not an occasion for nitpicking, so let me suppress an impression of unevenness in the choreographic invention and concentrate on the best of it: the playful first duet for Karen Donovan and Michael O'Hare, Sandra Madgwick's aplomb in a somewhat complicated adapto section. Mark Silver's splendid partnering and Yoshida's darting solo, and the grace and charm of Mireille Bourgeois and Kevin O'Hare.

There was still another premiere 10 come, this company's first performance of Jazz Calendar, not seen at all for many a year. How well Richard Rodney Bennett's bright colourful music,

ROCK

The Grateful Dead

Wembley Arena

IN BECOMING not so much a

musical spectacle, but more a way

of life, the Grateful Dead has

turned the norms of rock group

performance on their head. For

one thing they bring their own

audience with them, the so-called

Deadheads who will seemingly

follow the band anywhere on

earth. At Wemblev there was a

mellow but persistent pandemo-

nium among this euphoric.



Ravenna Tucker in Jazz Calendar. woeful Wednesday tormented by nightmares of monsters

Derek Jarman's matching designs and Ashton's choreography were all performed. The wit and style of the piece are as bright as ever, starting with Monday's Child (Annette Pain) as a model girl, and Marion Tait as Tuesday's Child in an allegro parody of Ashton's own Monotones. Ravenna Tucker, newly transferred from Covent Garden, was woeful Wednesday, with big dark eyes and long dark hair, tormented by nightmares of strange green and black creatures.

in their forties, and most of them

look older. Drummers Bill

Kreutzmann and Mickey Hart sit

imperturbably behind their es-

carpments of percussion, while in

front of them bassist Phil Lesh

actually exudes a negative stage

presence. The focus of attention is

thus entirely on the two singer/

guitarists: Bob Weir, a regulation

skinny rock 'n' roll frontman with

a manly voice and a pony tail, and

Jerry Garcia (aka Captain Trips), a

THEATRE

The Mystery of

Irma Vep

Ambassadors

THE theatre would be a more

sober but a duller place without

the likes of Charles Ludlam -

now, alas, the late Charles Ludlam

- to stir up its innards with a

wand and thwack its pretentions

with a fool's bladder. In these

pages last Monday, Benedict

Nightingale wrote of the "lunatic

extravagance of idea" that marked

Lindlam's 20 odd years with the

Ridiculous Theatrical Company

in its basement theatre in Greenwich Village. Most of those years

must have been very odd indeed

but only now, three years after his

early death, can London audiences

catch some flavour of the play that

hit the commercial jackpot over

Irma Vep is a burlesque Gothic

melodrama that hauls together

segments of Conan Doyle, Daph-

ne Du Maurier and Marie Corelli.

tying them up with an exuberantly

camp over-acting style that signals

Vincent Redmon travelled with cheerful indefatigability through Thursday. Friday could have been a little more loving and giving than Sherilyn Kennedy and Kevin O'Hare managed to make it, but the eight male dancers for Saturday, with Alain Dubreuil as their lithe although grey-haired ballet master, certainly worked hard for their living.

There were thanks at the end from Peter Wright, the company's director, to the royal guest, to the

company's founder - Dame Ninette de Valois, who was also present - to Birmingham, the Hippodrome, and the sponsors, especially Midland Bank and IBM. More remains to be done, especially improving the sightlines, and the price of the programmes for the opening season is exorbitant. But it was a good start. and now we shall see what happens after the honeymoon.

JOHN PERCIVAL

name have always been at odds with the gentle, spontaneous exubecance of its music, a quality borne out by the whimsical chugaboogie of "Bertha" and the bluesy strut of "Wang Dang Doodle".

"Brown Eyed Woman", Dylan's "Queen Jane" and "Row Jimmy" were highlights of the first half, while a storming "Hell in a Bucket" and the gentle "Foolish Heart" set things rolling in the second section, before the powerchord riffing of "Terrapin Station" gave way to a dual drum solo layered with weird sci-fi sound

DAVID SINCLAIR

predominantly American crowd grey, bushy-haired bear of a man from the moment that the group with a more weathered vocal tone. wandered on to the stage. acknowledged to be the soul of the As performers the Dead are The Dead began life at the strictly of the less is more school. All five permanent members are

epicentre of San Francisco's counter-cultural explosion of the Sixties and by all reasonable expectations they should have gone the way of contemporaries such as Quicksilver Messenger Service and Moby Grape. But despite occasional departures and deaths in the ranks the group has flourished, garnering a new generation of devotees and enjoying huge success with the 1987 album, In the Dark. The connotations of the band's

and shuddering arm.
A wolf howls, lightning flashes

and the curtain draws aside to

reveal Lord Edgar's heavily fur-

nished sitting room at Manda-

crest. For her wittily atmospheric

set, Poppy Mitchell plumps for

naturalism instead of farce in all

but one respect, this being the

portrait of Lady Irma that glows

with an eerie light when mention

The characters include Jane, the

fiercely loyal housekeeper, one-

legged Nicodemus, Lord Edgar,

Lady Enid in bridal white and

sundry Egyptians, ancient and

modern, in the feeble middle act. As well as Nickolas Grace and

Edward Hibbert, the cast list

names six others but we wait in

vain for Theda Birdwerb, Brad

Breedwhit and the rest to make an

appearance because all the roles

are played by the quick-changing

entrances through another door

are helped by dressing the female

characters in long skirts or

wrapped in capacious horse blan-

kets, so that manly shoes and

checked trousers can be kept out

of sight beneath them. Even so.

Grace and Hibbert. The rapid re-

is made of her husband's bride.

and allowing for the wonder of Velcro, the fast changes in Maria Aitken's production from male to shock and horror with rolling eye female contribute significantly to the entertainment.

Hibbert's commanding chin, and the wrenching that the monkev-faced Grace subjects his cheeks and mouth to, inevitably fix their looks when in drag, so that they sometimes resemble Margaret Rutherford acting opposite Dame Hilda Bracket. Grace's Egyptian characters are a dead loss but his dainty Enid, jerking her eyeballs sideways in slow motion. and the farcically-staged transformation of his Nicodemus into a werewolf are enjoyably observed. Even more comical, and dangerously wild, is Hibbert's Jane.

ferociously genteel until the spirit of dead Irma bursts from her. And yet, for all the pleasures of the first act, and the ingenuity of the ending, a troublesome emptiness spreads at the heart of the show. It may even be that a tackier set might better suit the play's mock-reverent intentions. The evening will seem funnier after the longueurs are forgotten.

JEREMY KINGSTON

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated ith the symbol •) on release across the country.

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◆ DICK TRACY (PG): The blockbuster of the year — dazzting to look at, though direc size Warren Beenty does little to breathe the into the comic-strip detective. With Madonns, Al Paono, Charite Korsmo Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0531).

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▲ HEART CONDITION (15): Bob Hoskin Washington) Bouncy action-comedy Open Haymarket (071-639 7697). ♦ I LOVE YOU TO DEATH (15): Since

botched black comedy from detector Lawrence Kasdan, wasting a remarkable cast. With Tracey Ulman as the cuchdings wife struggling to myder her husband (Kevin Klare). Odeon Mezzanne (071-792 3003/3324): Whateleys (071-792 3003/3324): ♦ INTERNAL AFFAIRS [18]: Tired thrille

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 NRRTA (18): Grandiose, empty thirtier from French wonderboy Luc Besson about a punk drug hend (Anne Parklaud) recruited by the government Cannon Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Chelses Cinema (071-351 3742) Gate (071-727 «(043) Lumera (071-836 0691) Screen on the на (071-435 3366).

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♦ WILD AT HEART (18): David Lynch's toliciting tale of osychotic evil and sexual passion the same ingredients as Blue

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London House full, returns only Some seats available Seats at all prices

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Old Vic. Waterloo Road: SE1 (071-928 7516) Uncerground/BR Watergo Mon-Fr 730pm, Sai Bpm, mere Wed, 230pm, Sai 3pm Running time 2hra 45mms.

D LOVE LETTERS: Elaine Strict and George Peppara take over the duty of reading a Menme of letters in A.R. Gurney's play. Wyndham's Channg Cross Road, WC2 (071-857 1116) Underground Lecester Square Mon-Sat, Sprii, mals Wed, 3pm. Sat, 4pm Running time. 2nds

(1) MOSCOW GOLD: David Calder gwestes into partning Gor Bartrican Barbican Centre (as left) Tonight, 7.30pm, mat today, 2pm. Running

OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY: Paul Rogers, Manta Atten, Martin Shaw as boss, lawyer and shark in entertaining Wall Streek telecolor draws, excellent at friese, Lync, Shartlesbury Avenue, Wr. (071-457 73885) Underground Piccatiffy Circus Mon-Fit 730cm, Sal. 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sal. 430pm Running Itms 2hrs 15mms. C) OUT OF ORDER: Donald Sinden pulls.

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CI RAFTS AND DREAMS, Robert Holman's sunsatist lantasty sets an emo-troubled group south in a flooded world Well worth a way. Theatre Upstair's Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745), Undergro. Sloane Square Mon-Sot, 7 30pm, mai Sat. 3.30pm. Running time. 2hra. Closes Saturday

THE ROCKY HORROR SHOW Reucous and wild fin the Upper Circle marnly), bold and became sometimes dealering, sometimes inaudible rock musical Procadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118) Underground Proceedity Circus Mon Thurs, 9pm, Fir, Sal, 7pm and 9 15pm

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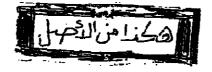
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- 9.00 News, regional news and weather 9.05 Brainwave. Ouz show hosted by Andy Craig 9.25 Dish of the Day. Another recipe from Rosemany Moon 9.30-People Today. Three mothersto-be (alk about their hopes and fears

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- during pregnancy 10,00 News, regional news and weather 10.05 Children's SBC, presented by Simon Parkin, begins with Playdays which this morning comes from Cardiff (r) 10.25 The Family Ness (r) 10.35 People Today, Kaffe Fesseti talks
- about the art of rag rug making 11.00 News, regional news and weather 11.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs other topical discussion 11.45 Before Noon, Adnen Mills and Ronke Phillips take viewers' calls and Alan Titchmarsh and Judi Spiers introduce
- their special quest 12.00 News, regional news and weather 12.05 After Noon. Join Rosemery Conley's diet and fitness club 12.20 Scene Today. Live entertainment from Peoble Mill 12.55 Regional news
- 1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather 1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax)

1.50 Film: The Saboteur, Code Name "Morituri" (1965, b/w). Marion Brando, Yut Brynner and Trevor Howard star. in a heavy-going second world war drama. A wealthy German pacifist ispersuaded by British intelligence to pose as a Gestago officer to make sure that a ship talks into Alhed hands. Directed by Bernhard Wicki

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- 3.50 The Brollys. Animated series narrated by David Shaw Parker 4,05 Clockwise. School teams compete agenst the clock in mental and physical challenges. Darren Day keeps an eye on things 4.20 Fantastic Max. Cartoon about a bionic baby 4.35 Uncle Jack . . . And Operation Green. Children's comedy drama sensi starring Paul Jones as an eccentric
- green activist. (Ceetax) 5.00 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter. With Yvette Fielding, John Leste and Diane-Louise Jordan. (Ceetax)
- 5.35 Neighbours (f). (Ceetax). Northern letand: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster 6.03 Six O'Clock News with Arma Ford
- and Andrew Harvey, Weether 6.30 Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland, Neighbours 7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Simon Mayo. Simultaneous broadcast.
- with Rectio 1 Enders. Another depress look at life amid the market stal London's Athert Square. (Ceetax) 8.00 Tomorrow's World. Howard Stableford and Kate Beilingham take over the controls of a Harrier jump jet to demonstrate the capabilities of the tatest flight simulators that will soon

- be seen in amusement arcades up and down the country 8:30 Birds of a Feather. Earthy cockney comedy about two sisters (Pauline Quirke and Linda Robson) who are
- reluctantly living together until their husbands are released from prison. (Ceetax) Northern Ireland: Spotlight 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis, Regional news and weather 9.30 Crimewatch UK. Nick Ross and Sue
 - Cook report on a recent spate of attempted civid abductions in Dorsal and Hampshire and appeal for help in catching the perpetrators. They offer advice on protecting young children from dancer and look at Kidscape, the Home Office approved scheme which leaches children what to do when approached by strangers. There is also a reconstruction of the unsolved murder of 32-year-old Paul Stevens, whose body was found in the Grand Union Canel in Southall, west
- London. (Ceetax) 10.15 Your Cheatin' Heart: Happy Trails, John Gordon-Sincleir and Tilda Swinton, with veteran American chart-topper Guy Mitchell, in episode four of John Byrne's mordantly funny and heavily accented drama set among Giasgow's country-and-western tolk. (Ceetax) 11.05 Question Time chaired by Peter Sissons. Tonight's guests are Brende Dean, general secretary of Sogat, John Harvey-Jones and MPs Edward Heath and David Blunkett
- 12.05am Crimewatch UK Update. The tatest developments in tonight's cases

6 00 TV-am 9.25 Keynotes, Game show in which the contestants must link the lyrics with the music 9.55 Thames News and

ITV LONDON

- 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . is adultery a bad thing? Mike Scott talks to cheating adults about what they
- 10.40 This Morning. Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley present the magazine
- 12.05 The Ruddlers (r) 12.25 Home and Away, Australian soap 12.55 Thames News and weather 1.00 News at One with John Suchet.
- 1.20 Hot Property. Judith Chalmers renovating a medieval castle, and Jim Bowen, who lives in a converted railway station 1.50 A Country
- 2.20 Posts Frocks & New Trousers. Includes items on how large women can look smaller and on the changing shape of the male hair cut 2.50 Talkebout. Andrew O'Connor hosts another round of the think-on-your-feet

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- game for couples 3.15 News headlines 3.20 Tharmes News headlines 3.20 Tharmes News headlines 3.25 The Young Doctors 3.55 The Raggy Dolls 4.10 Disney's Duck Tales (r) 4.35 Speedy and Daffy (r) 4.40 Jackson Pace: The Great Years. Archaeological adventures await our tousle-haired hero. Starring Kerth
- 5.10 Blockbusters. Bob Holness hosts the general knowledge quiz game for 5.40 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather

- 5.55 Thames Help with a report on the help provided to a young widow by the North Landon Hospice bereavement
- 6.00 Home and Away (r) 6.30 Tharnes News and weather 7.00 Emmerdale. Soap set in
- the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle) 7.30 Survival: Before the Oil. The Survival team returns to the Prince William Sound in Alaska, which was an area of natural beauty and wildlife when it was last there in 1986. This time they assess the destruction caused by the Exxon Valdez oil spill in 1989.
- Nameted by Alan Dobie. 8.00 The Bit: Effective Persuaders. Arnid much resentment, six of the Sun Hill team are sent on a train course to learn how to be better detectives. (Oracle)



A Sour to the media: Paul Gascoione (8.30pm)

8.30 This Week: Gazza Unlimited. A report on the marketing and exploitation of the Tottenham Hotspur lootballer Paul Gascoigne, who since the World Cup has been a constant target of the tabloid press. With committee player himself and other s who have had to cope with simular hype

- 9.00 Capital City. Multi-storied big business drama focusing on a bunch of dealers in a London merchant bank.
- 10.00 News at Ten with Alasteir Burnet and Julia Somerville. Weather 10.30
- Thames News and weather 10.40 The City Programme reports on the potential upheaval in the television industry. With contributions from Thames Television's Richard Dunn. Lestie Hill of Central and the Virgin Group's Charles Levison 11.10 01 includes Phil Daniels reviewing
- The Freshman, staming Marion Brando, and Harriet Harman on The Handmaiden's Tate, starring Natasha Richardson
- 11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Australian soap set in a women's detention centra. Followed by News headlines 12 30am Contacts. Trevor Ward and Susy
- Smith introduce more lonely souls who want to meet other people 1.00 The Concert. Wishbone Ash recorded at the Town & Country Club in London. Followed by News
- 2.00 Film: Don't Drink the Water (1969). Jackie Gleason and Estelle Parsons in an adaptation of Woody Allen's stage play about a Jewish caterer who is accused of being a spy and takes refuge with his family in an American embassy. Never shown in British cinemas, the film was directed by Howard Morris. Followed by News
- neadbnes 4.00 The Invisible Man (b/w), identical twins provide Peter Brady with an disappears (r)
- 4.30 America's Top Ten (r) 5.00 ITN Morning News with Brenda Rowe. Ends at 6.00

BBC 2

8.00 News, With sign language

- 8.15 Westminster. Round up of yesterday's parliamentary bus 9.00 Daytime on Two: Maths 9.15 Childcare for working mothers 9.45 France and the French 10.00 For the very young 10.15 Teenagers' introduction to the Christian faith 10.35 Discussion topics 11.00 Air pollution 11.20 The importance of neasurement in science 11.40 Maths investigations 12.05 Energy from coal 12.25 Atternative sources of energy 12.50 Science drame series for five and six-year-olds 1.20 PC Pinkerton 1.25 Fireman Sam 1.40 How music
- changes moods 2.00 News and weather followed by You and Me.(r) 2.15 in the Shadow of Fujisan: See No Evil. How the Japanese monkey and other wildlife fare in an increasingly
- industrial country (r). (Ceetax) 3.00 News and weather followed by Westminster Live 3.50 News, regional news and weather 4.00 Call My Bluff. Another vintage edition of the word game with team leaders Frank Muir and the late Arthur Marshall. The guests are Rob
- Heyland, Jan Francis, Joan Regan and Rabbi Lionel Blue (r). 4.30 Fighting Talk. Will trade unions exist in the next century? Ken Gill, the general secretary of the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union, talks to
- 5.00 Play Snooker, Learning to pot, with
- Dennis Taylor (r) 5.30 Clean State explores the specialise 'magnet' schools for exceptionally bright children in Wandsworth
- 6.00 Film: Rancho Notorious (1952). CHOICE: After two well-made but traditional Westerns in the Thirnes, the German emigré Fritz Lang returned

Fun on the run: Mariene Dietrich (6.4 to the genre in the Fifties and came

- up with one of its most bizarre offenige. The plot, a man avenging his sweetheart's murder, is familiar enough and was recycled by Lang the following year for his fine gangster film. The Big Heat. What sets Rancho Notonous apart is, first, its dark and brooding atmosphere, a Western film noir, complete with film noir flashbadks, which abendoned the wide, open spaces for the claustrophobia of the studio. Secondly, echoing his onetime collaboration with Bertolt Brecht, Lang introduced the Brechtan device of a song which provides a commentary on the film and identifies its theme of "hate, murder and enge". But *Rancho Notonous* offers fun as well, not teast in Marlene Dietrich's delicious performance as
- the former dance-hall singer running a hideoxit for outlaws 7.30 First Sight: The End of the Line. A report by Terry Dignan on homeless in the Kent seaside resort of Margate. Wates. Open Space; Northern Ireland. Birds of a Feether, England — East: Second Thought, Midlands: The Midlands Report; Leeds, Newcastle and Margatheries. Class J. In North. and Manchester. Close-Up North; Southempton and Plymouth:
 Southempton and Plymouth:
 Southern Eye; Bristol. Current Account
 8.00 Red Dwarf Ill., Cult comedy series.
 Kryten discovers some arrazing developing fluid: Starring Chris

- Barrie, Craig Charles, Ruby Wax and, tonight, Koo Stark (r) (Ceefax)
 8.30 Top Gear examines Nissan's hopes for the new Primers, which takes over from the Department of the control of the new Primers. from the Bluebird. Presented by William Woollard

 9.00 Rab C Nesbitt. In the last of the
- comedy senes staming Gregor Fisher as the ranting philospher, the Nesbitts strut their noisome Glaswegian stuff in 9.30 40 Minutes: Fit To Drop.
 - ◆ CHOICE: Taking a tayourite 40 Minutes theme of people with unusual obsessions, Christopher Territi's film looks at exercise addiction. The urge to spend every spare moment working out in the gym may sound like a harmless eccentricity but it has its darker side. Like drunk or drugs, once it gets a hold it is difficult to shake off. The daily "frx" of press-ups and jogging becomes as necessary as the jab in the arm or the double scotch. interleaving helf a dozen assorted case histories, Ternil reveals a story of strained mamages, physical and emotional damage and in one instance a life so ruined that the victim appears, like a criminal, with her tace blacked out. A visit to the United States, where exercise addiction has been a plague of rather longer standing, features an interview with Dr Connie Chan, a
- 10.10 Smith and Jones in Small Doses. The Whole Hog. Mel Smith and Griff Rhys-Jones in a comic playlet by Graeme Garden about a man's reunion with his ex-wite after 10 years (r). (Ceetax)

psychologist and former addict who

runs an exercise dependency clinic.

10.30 Newsnight. With Francine Stock. 11.15 The Late Show. The best of live jazz, with studio performances from the Stan Tracey Big Band, Ute Lemper, David Murray and Leon Rectione 12.00 Fighting Talk, See 4.30. Ends at 12.35am

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7.20 In the Shadow of . . Windsor Castle CHOICE The Duke of

Edinburgh, who must know what he is talking about, assures Jenny Cutte that thousands of other visitors to Windsor Castle like to chew

gum and drop it all over the

too much commercial

tace. The townspende find different things to grouse about too few new houses,

development, too high shop prices, too many traffic problems caused when a tow that is home to 30,000 is invaded every year by nearly

four million tourists, and an

allegation that the castle's guards whistle at the local gurs from men room in the

tower, or else pelt passing taxis with butter, cream, and

Brains Peter Hennessy concludes his examination of

the cost and defents of the Britain of its "special relationship" with the United States since 1945. He explores the effects of the Guil tensions and Britain's

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8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Kati

Whitaker presents the

disabilities 9,15 Kaleidoscope (broadcast at

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7.05 The Archers

NETWORK 2

RADIO 4

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- 6.00 The Art of Landscape. Film of the natural world with southing music 6.20 Business Daily 6.30 The Channel Four Daily
- 12.00 Time To Talk. Lesley Judd talks to Eva Burrows, general and wond leader of the Salvation Army (r)
- 12.30 Business Daily 1.00 Sesame Street. Educational fun for
- pre-school children
 2.00 A Houseful of Plants. Floella Benjamin and Michael Jordan talk to experts on bonssi and dired flowers and look at an extraordinary collection of
- air-plants. Plant doctor Chris Fairweather gives advice. (Teletext) 2.30 Film: The Emperor Waltz (1948). Bing Crosby is an American phonograph sman who arrives in 1901 Austria to thrust his wares upon the Emperor Franz Joseph and ends up talling in love with his daughter (Joan Fontaine). A thin vehicle for Crosby and an extraordinary choice for its director, Billy
- Wilder 1.30 Fifteen-to-One 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Oprah and her guests discuss the madness surrounding the Nintendo video
- game which is sweeping across America 5.50 The Adventures of Tin Fin. The animated adventures of TinTin continue on the sinister island 6.00 The Crystal Maze. Rocky Horror
- Show creator Richard O'Brien guides contestants through the tricky adventure game show (r)
 7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas
 Owen and Zemab Badawi, Includes a report from Nick Glass on the

attempt to recreate the work of the 17th

- entury master woodcarver, Grinling Gibbons, during repairs to Hampton Court, which was damaged by fire
- four years ago 7.50 Comment tollowed by Weathe 8.00 The Great Moghuls: The Court of Akbar. Bamber Gascoigne continues to chart the rise and fall of the great dynasty which dominated the Indian subcontinent for more than six
- generations (r)
 8.30 Cheers. Continuing the repeated first series of the likeable American comedy set in a Boston bar.



Susie Wooldridge and Jim Carter (9.00pm)

- 9.00 Film: Crimestrike (1990). CHOICE. Although besed on an idea by Jaroslav Hajek of *The Good* Soldier Schwerk, writer-director Peter Biddle's comic fantesy could have come from the heyday of Ealing studios.

 Alarmed at competition from untrained youths, the nation's professional criminals decide to go on strike. The effects are devastating. The police have nothing to do and start being laid off. The director of public
- prosecutions has a nervous breakdown. When a strikebreaking initiative fails,
- Composseurs of Ealing films will note echoes of Passport to Pimico and The Man in the White Suit, but there is little of Ealing's cracking pace and light touch. Crimestrike tends to take its joke too senously, setting itself up as an attack on Thatcherite enterorise culture. But there are excellent performances, notably from Jim Carter and Susie Wooldindge as police officers saddled with a stolen baby 10.55 Day of the Dead. CHOICE. From the versatile team

the villains cause a run on the pound.

- of Laurens C. Posta and Philip Bartlett, responsible for Channel 4's senior citizen senes The Third Wave as well as the feature film Midnight Breaks, comes a vivid and impressionistic film of Mexicans in celebration. What they are celebrating, in the first two days of each November, is death and they do it joyously. As well as a reunion with the past, family intuals such as taking a picnic on the graves of relatives and scattering mangolds are also an assertion of life. Drawing on poetry, music and visual art, both high and popular, Day of the Dead traces in the sta a fusion of pagan and Christian elements, and suggests that its inherent fatalism is a strain going back many centuries. It is a pity that the writings and artefacts are not identified, and that there is no credit for the extracts from Eisenstein's film Que Viva Mexico, which also contains striking images from the Day of the
- 11.45 A Week in Politics Late Sitting. Includes an in-depth interview with Tony Benn and a profile of Dafydd Ellis Thomas, leader of Plaid Cymru. Presented by Vincent Hanna and Andrew Rawnsley Ends at 1.10am

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talks to Nicholas Maw, whose opera. The Rising of the Moon is currently undergoing a new lease of life at the Wexford

under Riccardo Muti performs Mozart (Sympnony No 36, Linz): 8.05 Fritz Spiegi

considers Biedermeier Vienna: 8.25 Schubert (Symphony No

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first of three programmes, Garard Green reads from the Memoirs of the Duc de Saint-

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11.00 Dr Jazz: Jelly Roll Morton (r).

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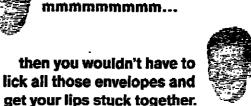


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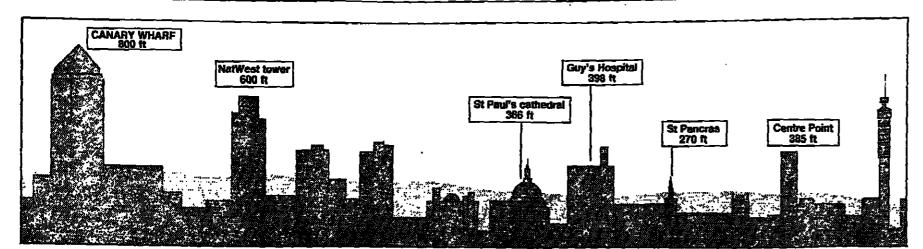


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Crowning the glory of the UK's tallest tower

THE 800ft Canary Wharf tower in Docklands is to be topped out next Thursday. The tallest building in the UK and part of the largest commercial development in Europe, the tower has changed the London skyline forever.

Nearly 16,000 pieces of steel, weighing a total of 27,000 tonnes, have been erected to form the frame of the building's 50 floors.

Surpassing the NatWest Tower, previously the tallest building in Britain, by 200ft, No 1 Canada Square, to give it its proper name, nevertheless looks up to the Empire State Building, New York, at 1,250ft, Sears Tower, Chicago

Bush runs out of patience

Continued from page 1 ain's Gulf campaign. About 500 staff from the three services working round the clock. Senior staff disclosed that 80 per cent of the 7th Armoured Brigade, about 8,000 men, were now deployed in the desert of north-eastern Saudi Arabia. If called on, they could join an offensive before the rest of the brigade joined them.

Both the defence ministry and Sir Patrick emphasised that they did not want to go to war unless they were sure of victory. Sir Patrick also felt there should be a supreme commander in the area, but he understood the political

Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani, the former Saudi oil minister, said yesterday that war was an imminent possibility. "It is coming. We just don't know when," he told a news conference. He was confident, however, that Iraq would not be able to destroy Saudi Arabia's oilfields, and even if some installations were hit, the kingdom's assets were so wide-spread that world oil supplies would not be seriously affected.

at 1.454ft, and the CN Tower, in Toronto, Canada, which at 1.815ft is the world's tallest free standing structure. Sadly, an American company called Tishman Speyer is working on a building in Frankfurt which will top the Canary Wharf tower by a mere 30ft, pushing it one step further down the rankings.

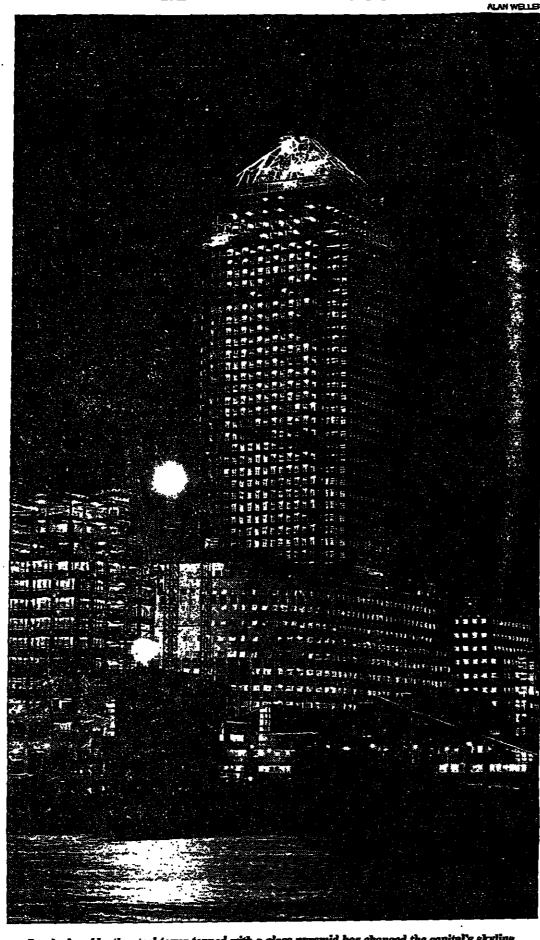
Phase one of the Docklands development comprises 4.5 million sq ft of space, 2.3 million of which has been let to American Express, Texaco, Telegraph newspapers, Lehrer McGovern International, the construction com-pany, and Manufacturers Hanover, the banking concern. By the late 1990s the entire development, comprising 11 million sq ft throughout more than 24 buildings and covering 71 acres, will be complete.

Shocking turquoise plastic protecting the building's stainless steel skin is now being removed. after hundreds of phone calls from local residents aghast at the garish tinge. Once complete the building will resemble a steel obelisk dotted with hundreds of windows; at the top will be an illuminated steel and glass pyramid.

Canadian Richard Griffiths, head of building for the project, said most of the 4,000-strong construction crew hailed from the north of England. "We haven't had to employ many people from outside Britain, although it's the first time anyone from a British workforce has been up that high." Workers have also come from Europe and South Africa, he said. "With the changes in eastern Europe we're getting a number of

orkers from there as well." completion next year, can be seen from Hertfordshire and up to 20 miles away in Kent. It dominates the horizon from almost any direction that even motorists use it as a guide into Docklands. Once there, however, they will have to resign themselves to travelling at snail's pace because of construction work on roads which will eventually service the tower.

Glorious link, page 14 THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,440



London's pride: the steel tower topped with a glass pyramid has changed the capital's skyline

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Political sketch

The Lords' bark is worse than its bite

YESTERDAY the House of Lords debated dogs. Looking on the assembled company of peers in their oak-lined place of safety, I wondered where else you might find such an assort-ment of oddballs gathered together in one place - banishing the answer from my mind.

Lord Hailsham was telling us about his own dog. He was worried about a "poll tax on dogs". His dog was originally found wandering "at one of those places on the motorways where petrol is sold". Several of their lordships wondered what this had to do with the argument. Wouldn't dog registration have traced the truant's owner? "No!" The previous Lord

Chancellor positively squealed with glee: "Because it hadn't got a collar on!" He rested his case, hands slapping knees in

Lord Massereene and Ferrard intervened to congratulate Lord Stanley of Alderley on the tenacity with which he pursued the amendment - "Just like a terrier on a rat!" he gasped, his admiration plain. For Lord Houghton of Sowerby the subject of dogs was too important for this amendment "smuggling dogs" into a bill. "What we really need is a complete bill on dogs." The problem was of "stray dogs", he said, looking, perhaps, towards the cross-benches which accommodate

peers attached to no party.

Speaking on dogs for the
Church, the Bishop of Manchester enquired meekly about their lordships' constitutional powers. Less meekly, Lord Mackie of Benshie complained that "an enormous number of red herrings have been dragged across this bill about dogs".

And then it was the turn of Baroness Strange. The baroness did more than speak about dogs, or even for dogs. Lady Strange had spoken to dogs. After "various discussions with my four legged friends" she bore a message from the canine world. Her doggy informants were "worried that there might be a wilder and rougher ele-ment" among their fellow tail-waggers, with whom their lordships' writ might not run. My lords, would you like it if whenever you stepped outside the bounds of Westminster without a coronet or robe or other identifying garment, you were seized?"

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"A tail tax, I prefer to call it," said Lord Jenkin of Roding, adding that their lordship's proposals were "not on all fours" with the Northern Ireland scheme. Lord J - something of a party pooper seemed not to comprehend the hilarity this occasioned with a wilder and rougher element among their lordships.

It fell to the Baroness Blatch

to reply, for the government. Lady Blatch is an air traffic controller who caught Mrs Thatcher's attention and ended up in the Lords entrusted with the twilight hours of the environmental protection bill. She strikes a discordantly same note, and bounded through her text with the alertness of a wellclipped springer spaniel. Fel-low-peers stared uncomprehending at this businesslike intrusion. And I stared at them.

Some had eye-patches. Some had scarlet socks. Many had ostentatious watch-chains, and a number were listening to personal hearing aids shaped like black dessert spoons with a telephone-style speaker in the spoon-end. Some had magnifying glasses round their necks and one had what appeared to be binoculars.

They were an assortment of strings — usually double-breasted, often gangster-style and one woman in a strange red gown resembled the statue of liberty. The bishops looked like emperor penguins.

Dozing, twitching, growling or pressing their spoons to their ears, their lordships moved towards this, the last day of their parliamentary session. And that of the House of Commons too, shricking and bawling down at the other end of the corridor. One could not help feeling that our constitu-tion provides for a certain bizarre symmetry.

MATTHEW PARRIS

TUC offer rejected of what the TUC has suggested it

Continued from page 1 which would report back to a special meeting of council. He told the council, which was chaired by Mr Howard: "When we call for discussions, that implies a willingness to reconsider positions assume our responsibilities. I understand the size of what we are asking, but it is asking of ourselves as well as everyone else."

The TUC envisaged a group, chaired by a minister, and including two representatives from the unions and the CBI, which would hold a series of urgent meetings on the issue and report back before Christmas. The group's economic assessment, much along the lines

would want to do with a forthcoming Labour government, would have looked at such as issues as the pattern of pay next year, skill shortages, and multi-skilling.

meeting he had been unable to identify anything new that the TUC was offering, John Banham, director general of the CBI, said: "The TUC sound as though they are still stuck in the 1970s, somewhere close to cloud cuckoo land." John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB general union, said that the government's rejection of the offer was a major missed opportunity.

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NOON TODAY



ACROSS

1 A cross can't come to grief ~ it's inviolable (10).

6 Hear athlete is puffed (4). 9 He's in poor shape when opening play? Hard cheese! (10). 10 This hospital will admit dolls.

loo (4). 12 Literary giant lying drunk - hopelessly so (12). 15 Being so boring, it reduces ten-

sion in retorts (4).

17 Forgotten article found in tagliatelle, say (5). 18 Painter holding coal-scuttle is a girl... (5).

19 ...sort of dishy one Henry is attached to, yet unladylike (9), 20 Current course that comes with timest of chips? (12).

24 Cheeky drop in rent (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,339 TIPTOE SWEEPING
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25 This state provides exhibition of very little interest (10). 26 Formal procedure correctly reported (4).

DOWN

27 Giving concert? (10).

As previously described, silver is hidden inside pudding... (4). 2 ... with firm approval of chef (4). 3 One will probably use all the rests, working on a big score

4 Early author's article on reversal of attitude (5).

5 Shift is detailed to attempt this mysterious process (9). 7 The daily habit of a kind of lizard? (6.41.

8 Why was I shy, awkward and thin? (5-5). 11 Herb no longer tended - that's

foolish (6-6). 13 One needs a breather to read volumes (10).

14 Light-hearted wild antics in Open University, kept to a mini-

mum? (10). 16 Not believing He is in the highest place? (9).

21 Music-maker for the sittinginadequate tip? (4). Man, for example, is left a foot

short (4).

Coucise Crossword, page 15

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct? By Philip Howard SMYTRIE a. A blacksmith's forge b. A collection of small things c. A spear would EKKA

a. A one-horse carriage b. The Phoenician letter K c. Out of doors ZAMPOGNA Egg-white and Marsala cream
 A double-droned bagpipe
 Neapolitan bareknuckle lighting KALONG a. The fox-bat b. A lake-but on stilts

c. A Malaysian woman's veil

Answers on page 24 AA ROADWATCH

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Executive Editor David Brewerton

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 1 1990

in third quarter

GENERAL Motors reported a \$2 billion loss in the third quarter after taking a \$2.1 billion charge to close four assembly plants that have been idle for more than two years (John Durie writes from New York).

The loss, the largest on record for the main vehicle producer in America, came after an operating profit in the quarter of \$109 million, which was down on the expected profits of \$235 million.

In the first nine months of this year, General Motors made a loss of £368 million compared with a profit of \$3.5

The result marks a dismal quarter for American car makers. In the first nine months of this year, profits for the three main American companies has fallen \$5.9 billion from the \$8 billion recorded in the same period last year.

McCaw mixed

McCaw, the American cellular telephone company where British Telecom bought a \$1.6 billion, 20 per cent, stake in July last year, reported higher revenues, and deeper losses, in the third quarter. The loss per share rose to 45 cents from 48 cents. Net losses were \$80 | \$100 million in reinsurmillion (\$44.9 million). Rev- ance commissions to enues rose to \$280.5 million (\$129.7 million). During the first nine months McCaw reported a profit per share of \$3.93 (loss \$1.61). Net profit was: \$711.1 million (loss \$230.1 million).

Pound falls

Sterling fell more than a plennig against the mark on strong morning talk of a base rate cut that reduced money market interest rates to near 13.5 per cent and boosted share prices. But the Bank of England made it clear that no | Prince Michael of Kent was a rate cut was imminent.

Stock market, page 32

Reed slips

Reed International, the publishing group, saw pre-tax profits fall from £127.8 million to £108.8 million in the six months to end-September. six months to end-September.
The interim dividend is raised from 4.6p to 5p, and there is a scrip dividend alternative. Tempus, page 29

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GM loss of \$2bn | ERM no cure for pay problem, says NEDC chief By Philip Bassett principal competitors. In a paper for yesterday's quarterly meeting of the state this is still higher than the 5-6 behaviour".

INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

EARNINGS growth will fall by only about two percentage points if unemployment rises by as much as half a million over the next two years, according to an assessment by the National Economic Development Council.

Even though the estimate is based on a possible rise in unemployment that might be politically unacceptable to the government in an election period, NEDC suggests that even after ERM entry, the UK will find it difficult to bring earnings

yesterday's quarterly meeting of the tripartite NEDC, comprising government, employers and unions, Walter Eltis, NEDC director-general, questions whether pay bar-gainers in the UK will be able to reduce average wage increases to the European level.

The NEDC document, called Pay. Productivity and Employment: the Challenge of ERM Entry, says that within a year, price inflation in Britain is likely to fall to about 6 per cent. It says this will lead to the increase in average earnings falling growth down to the levels of its from its present 10.25 per cent to

that this is still higher than the 5-6 per cent pay increases expected in France and Germany, and says the gap is still a "serious problem". The government and the CBI

hope that the discipline of ERM membership will exert strong downward pressure on pay, but the NEDC document suggests the evidence on this point from other countries is equivocal. While ERM entry significantly changed the attitude of wage-setters in Italy, NEDC says, in France "membership of the ERM appears not to have brought

In a separate paper and in a presentation on pay to the council, the CBI said the belief among employees, unions and some employers that forthcoming settlements should be "inflation-plus" was "alarmingly prevalent". It argued that all pay increases should be matched by performance improvements.

But without specifically mentioning the CBI's repeated pay and performance call, NEDC says in its document that the policy of pay increases earned only by productivity gains would be dangerous,

and retention needs, nor would it allow companies to use productivity improvements to fund greater

competitiveness and lower prices. Dr Eltis raises the delicate question that the government and the CBI might wish to explore the suggestion from some union leaders for more co-ordinated pay bargaining, including an economic assessment of the cost increases that would be afforded while remaining competitive.

Firms unprepared, page 28

Reuters shares fall after By MARTIN WALLER SHARES in Reuters, the news agency and financial information group, tumbled 44p to 563p yesterday, their second day of heavy falls, after the group announced the delay of a crucial product launch. 300 job losses and a forecast of

lower-than-expected current year profits. The company was immediately embroiled in a dispute over a news report on Tuesday, when speculation of impending bad news chipped the shares by 52p to 607p. which suggested no profits warning was imminent Reuters subsequently issued a denial of the report, but this was not seen by all market-

Reuters says it is cutting 300 jobs, 200 of them in this country and mainly at its London corporate centre It is again postponing the launch of phase two of its Dealing 2000 automated trading sys-

tem for foreign exchanges Glen Renfrew the managing director, said the job losses would cost £10 million and leave pre-tax profits for the year to end-December 1990 at £320 million, which is below

market expectations The Reuters share price has fallen from above £13 in July as sentiment for the former stock market high-flyer has turned bearish, particularly in New York, because of its

exposure to securities dealing. A spokesman said the de-lays on Dealing 2000 were to do with work still to be done in writing the software.

The delay means Dealing 2000 will not now appear until some months into 1991 at least. But the marker was also concerned with Mr Renfrew's remarks about future trading uncertainty Patrick Wellington, an analyst at County NatWest, the broker, had trimmed his forecast for this year by £10 million to £325 million pre-tax before the announcement. He further reduced his 1991 estimate to E340 million, from in excess of £380 million.

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Lilley launches enquiry into London United

By Neil Bennets Banking Correspondent

THE trade department has sent investigators into London United Investiments, the crashed insurance group, to examine the payment of up to \$100 million in reinsurthree Liechtenstein and German-based

companies. Price Waterhouse, LUI's administrator, has meanwhile issued High Court writs against three former directors, including Ronnie Driver, the former chairman, to recover

the payments. Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, has appointed Angus Gilroy, a partner at BDO Binder Hamlyn, the accountant, to investigate LUI, where director. The department will Comment, page 29 also appoint a lawyer to the

case. Mr Gilroy will concentrate



are held on deposit.

Price Waterhouse, the accountant-Colin Bird and LUI's administrators in May.

Price has issued writs against Mr Driver, Peter Wilson, LUI's former chief executive, and Henry Weavers, a former director. It is also suing two other individuals, who are unconnected with LUI, and three companies in Germany

and Liechtenstein. Mr Gilroy said he planned to complete his investigation within several months.

He said the size of the commission payments was material to the group, and amounted to tens of millions of dollars since the Seventies.

Part of the DTI investigation may look into the relationship between LUI and its subsidiary Russell Reinsur-ance, Russell Re was founded by Mr Driver and his associates in 1977 and had a loose trading arrangement with reinsured a series of risks May. written by Russell for other

central to the investigation. The investigation will instead concentrate on Weavers' European connections. Neither Mr Driver nor

Messrs Wilson and Weavers declared a relationship with still owed up to £40 million.

with a \$300,000 dividend. The directors said they did not believe they had a beneficial Alan Barrett from Price interest in Russell Re which Waterhouse were appointed as needed to be reported under the Companies Act.

The problems at LUI became public last March, when its shares were suspended after the DTI asked Walbrook to stop trading, and six of the group's subsidiaries stopped paying claims. A preliminary report from Tillinghast, the actuary, had revealed shortfalls in six of the group's underwriting subsidiaries' claims reserves.

LUI specialised in American liability insurance. This was highly profitable in the Seventies, but more recently the group had been hit by a rising tide of claims from asbestosis and environmental damage. LUI has £2 billion in estimated claims liabilities, payable in the next 25 years.

Tillinghast's full report showed the group had a short-fall of up to £100 million in its Walbrook, LUI's main under- reserves. LUI was forced to writing subsidiary. Walbrook call in the administrators in

Price Waterhouse's report on the company said three of Mr Gilroy said that the the group's subsidiaries Russell Re affair was not should be sold, and the others wound up. Walbrook is now paying only old claims from reserves and not writing new business. LUI's creditors, including Barclays Bank and Royal Bank of Scotland, are

Fare way: Alastair Morton offers travel perks for investors taking up rights shares Eurotunnel call offers half-price fares perk

From LINDSAY COOK IN PAS-DE-CALAIS

HALF-price travel on Eurotunnel shuttle trains will be offered as a perk to people taking up rights issue shares. The price of the shares is to be raised by the issue.

The minimum rights shares investment is £160, which will buy a small number of halfprice journeys. The number will rise in six stages until there is 50 years' travel for a £5,000 investment. When the company, chaired by Alastair Morion, was floated, nontransferable free travel was offered to investors. The rights perk can be assigned. Colin Kirkland, technical

director of Eurotunnel, said fares for the link would be at a discount to other means of crossing the Channel. He also suggested they would be arranged so that they are higher during stormy weather, as the link would be offering a premium service when other means of crossing the Channel might not be available.

M&S lifts high street morale MARKS and Spencer, Brit- £2.658 billion and earnings borrowings are at low interest

tailer,/reassured the market cent to 5.4p. and gave the nervous stores sector a boost when it an- 4.4 per cent. but the £11.8 nounced pre-tax profits up million interest charge has 8.1 per cent at 2p Fhe shares 10.3 per cent at £230 million been transformed into a rose 6p to 235p (Gillian Bowditch writes).

ain's largest high street re- per share rose from 8.7 per rates in the US and the cash it Operating profits rose by

£500,000 credit largely Sales rose 6.2 per cent to because most of M&S's

generates is on deposit at high interest rates in the UK

The interim dividend is up

Tempus. page 29

expected to be announced A BREAKTHROUGH tomorrow and £500 million is The fully underwritten fares are expected to be heavily discounted. Shares and perks will **FOR BRITAIN** be available to new investors, as well as to the 100,000 Brit-In Turkey, Mr Stone will ish Eurotunnel shareholders.

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Eurotunnel's transport system is planned to be operational in 1993 Over 70 miles of tunnels have now been bored, out of a total of 94 miles

In the service tunnel, one of three tunnels which will link the UK and France, the British and French tunnel boring machines have now established contact by a 120 yard probe - the first land contact in recorded history between Britain and continental Europe.

Eurotunnel will revolutionise the UK's passenger and freight transport links with continental Europe and you could share in it. A rights issue of new Eurotunnel shares is planned for later this month. Shareholders and new investors who participate may be eligible for new travel privileges

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Polly Peck administrator flies to talks in Turkey By MATTHEW BOND

RICHARD Stone, one of the the Serious Fraud Office to tell three administrators now run- him the basis of the investiganing Polly Peck International, tion. Having had his applicahas flown to Turkey but has tion turned down by the postponed plans to travel on courts three weeks ago, Mr to northern Cyprus, where it is Nadir's lawyers will apply to believed that up to £140 the High Court for a judicial million of Polly Peck funds review of that decision. On Tuesday, the SFO raided the Mayfair offices of Polly Peck, Mr Stone left Heathrow at prompting an angry protest from Mr Nadir. 1.55pm on a scheduled British Airways flight to Istanbul. It is not expected that Asil Nadir.

Mr Stone said he planned to the Polly Peck chairman, will meet certain bankers and probably representatives of Mr Stone said the main purpose of his trip was to talk the Turkish stock exchange and a full or partial sale of the to the Turkish government.

My job on this visit is to remaining equity in Vestel may be planned as part of the bring the Turkish government reconstruction of Polly Peck. "We will want to look at the

up to date with what we are trying to achieve in the adminfinancial regime in Turkey to istration and to seek their see how that can best be used to assist in the restructuring of Today Mr Nadir is expected both Vestel and Meyna," he to renew his attempts to get said.

also meet the investigative team from his firm, Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, the They have already made good progress at Vestel, Polly

Peck's 82 per cent-owned

electronics subsidiary quoted on the Istanbul exchange. But the Coopers team has faced some difficulties. The problem is Meyna, Polly Peck's Turkish food distribution group, which though based in Turkey has two residents of northern Cyprus

on its board. These two directors have prevented the accountants

Peck assets on the island.

gaining access to Meyna's accounts. They feel constrained by a injunction granted by a northern Cyprus court blocking access to Polly

Until recently, governments dis-couraged the use of natural gas for power generation, believing supplies were limited and should be husbanded for domestic use. But superior thermal efficiency, lower capital and running costs, and limited emissions made gas a cheaper and "greener" method of power

Mr Evans said the time at which additional gas supplies become available would affect the gas plant construction programme, but there was no danger of gas running out.

Gas to play generation game British Gas will be supplying the biggest By Ross Tieman

INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH Gas is planning to build four power stations and become a big player in the electricity generation market.

Bob Evans, chairman, said yesterdav that proposals were being examined for three stations in partnership with electricity supply companies. The 12 state-owned supply companies are due for privatisation this month. The fourth proposal, for one of two possible sites in southern England, was for a station to be financed and run by British Gas alone.

John Wilson, electricity analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, said the British Gas move could pose a competitive threat to National Power and PowerGen, the two state-owned generators scheduled for public flotation in February. "For British Gas to come into the market as a competitor makes absolute sense.

component of generating cost, which is fuel. British Gas can get very much cheaper gas than anybody else." He added that with gearing at just 22

per cent, the company could easily fund a major capital investment programme. National Power, by contrast, could face a funding shortfall on its investment programme by the mid-Nineties. Mr Evans also revealed plans for

British Gas to provide expertise and financial packages, possibly including management and leasing deals, for companies and public authorities wanting to set up their own small combined heat and power stations. He told an Institute of Energy conference in London that electricity genera-

tion was likely to account for half of the 2

per cent a year rise in demand for gas

forecast for the next two decades. Mr

Evans said there was no danger of any

encourage diversity of supplies.

generation than coal burning.

British Gas predicts that 15 new gas power stations are likely to be built by 1997, providing 7,000-8,000 megawatts of capacity. Of that, about 4,000mw would replace existing coal plant. The rest would meet additional electricity

recommended the offer.

The bid by Brierley Invest ments went unconditional this forced to by the Takeover on Wednesday. Code rules, that it substantially undervalued Mount

St James's NAV

The net asset value of St James's Place Capital, the former J Rothschild Holdings investment and fund management group, was 78.4p a share at the end of the six months to September. The figure is not comparable with that in March because about half the group's assets were demerged into Bishopsgate Growth Unit Trust in August.

JMD deficit

JMD Group, supplier of greetards and novely products, suffered pre-tax losses of £768.000 during the six months to end-June. Comparable figures, showing a profit of £158,000, relate to the John Michael Design consultancy, which has been sold. There is no interim dividend **UBS** warning

Robert Studer, chief executive

of Union Bank of Switzerland. which owns Phillips & Drew. the London securities house. says the bank will not match last year's profits

VTR edges up

VTR, the video and audio services company quoted on the USM, reports a 2.2 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £1.3 million for the year ended August 31. A final dividend of 2.2p makes 3.3p, an increase of 10 per cent.

Bioplan's £1 m

Bioplan Holdings, the healthcare group that reversed into Cooks Industries, in April, reports pre-tax profits of £1 million for the six months to end-September.

Blackland loss

Blackland Oil reduced net losses from £174,000 to £58,000 during the six months to the end of Junc.

Charlotte Privatisation to Brierley plan for ports notels group which has succussed to Sir Ron Brierleys f644 million "inadvertent" takeover bid, has reluctantly recommended the offer

By Ross Tieman, industrial correspondent

PROPOSALS that will allow carnation of a centuries-old week despite frequent assur- Britain's 111 trust ports to tradition of public involveances from the Brierley camp, convert themselves into priwhich had never wanted to vate companies and issue make the approach until it was shares are likely to be outlined

Confirmation that the enabling legislation will be passed in the next par-liamentary session is expected in the Queen's speech at the state opening of Parliament.

With assets estimated at £500 million, the ports promise a mouth-watering source of privatisation revenue for the Treasury. Although no-one theoretically owns the trust ports, the Treasury is likely to take more than two-thirds of

Many ports are keen to convert. They say that the abolition of the dock labour scheme last year precipitated a competitive free-for-all in which they are unfairly handicapped. However, the aboli-tion also brought about a sharp improvement in ports'

The trust ports handle about half of Britain's overseas trade. In 1989, they imported and exported 480 million tonnes of goods worth

ment in port facilities. Each has its own act of Parliament which sets out its responsibilities to conserve navigation and limits its spread of commercial activities. They are run by a mixture of executive officers and government appointees.

Sullom Voe, the oil terminal in the Shetlands, is the biggest by tonnage of cargo handled. The Port of London Authority is the second largest, with Tees & Hartlepool Port Authority

The government's forthcoming white paper was trigany money raised by flotation. gered by pressure from the ports as much as by ideology.

> Two authorities. Clyde Port Authority and Tees & Hartlepool, initiated private mem-bers bills to enable them to convert themselves into companies and offer their shares to employees and the public. Those bills are expected to receive royal assent next

At least one other authority, the Medway Ports Authority in Kent, has now indicated that it wants company status.

They are the present in- Whipping up a storm, page 29

Mixed results for oil independents

By Martin Barrow

mixed interim results.

tax for the six months to end- dividend. June, recovering from losses of Ir£333,000 for the first half net losses of Ir£764,000 for the credits now that most Petroleum Revenue Tax refunds have been exhausted. There is again no dividend.

Tullow Oil, which has in-Yemen and the UK, made a dividend.

THREE Irish-based indepen- net loss of Ir£47,967 during dent oil companies with grow- the six months to end-June. ing interests overseas reported against income of IrL41.413. Aran Energy made profits of share, compared with earnings Irf.171,000 (£155,000) before of 0.05p. There is again no

of 1989. But earnings fell from same period against a deficit 0.16p a share to 0.12p because of Ir£3.16 million last year, of a sharp decline in tax after a gradual return to production in the Claymore oilfield in the North Sea, in which the company has a 0.5 per cent interest. Losses were reduced from 1.66p a share to terests in Senegal, Pakistan, 0.32p. Again there is no



Fenner forecasts cut

PROFIT forecasts for Fenner. 8.55p (8.1p). Earnings rose 10 the power transmissions and conveyor belung maker, were downgraded after a cautious trading statement from Peter Barker, the chairman (above). Fenner announced pre-tax profits up 21 per cent at £16.1 million for the year ended September I. A final dividend of 5.1p (4.9p) makes a total of

Sales of unit

trusts still

declining

By SARA McCONNELL

per cent to 22.32p a share. Bar-clays de Zoete Wedd reduced its forecast for the current year from £17 million pre-tax to £15.5 million after Mr Barker said sterling's strength would affect exports. Smith New Court, Fenner's broker, maintains its forecast at £16.5 day is expected to begin in Tempus, page 29 | December 1991.

Division closed in Barclays shake-up

By Neil Bennett, Banking Correspondent

SALES of unit trusts fell again in September, reflecting investors' continuing uncertainty in the face of the Gulf troubles and a 10 per cent drop in reorganisation prompted by a markets division, equity markets during the report from McKinsey, the management consultants.

The Unit Trust Association reports a 9.9 per cent fall in three divisions. Banking, the total funds under managelargest, will include all retail ment in September to £44.8 and commercial lending busibillion. Gross sales were down ness. The treasury department to £511 million from £593.1 million in August. Total re-purchases of £828.2 million resulted in a net outflow of £317.2 million. ment banking division. 'Bar-The number of unitholders clays capital and risk also fell to 4.73 million, management departments will

BARCLAYS Bank is merging be moved into a separate finance division, to avoid closing its corporate banking potential conflicts of interest division in a worldwide with the trading activity of the

Clearance [

for Staffa

oilfield

By OUR CITY STAFF

THE energy department has approved plans to develop the Staffa oilfield in the North

Sea. First oil from the field is

expected late next year at production rates of 8,000 bar-

rels a day.
The field is 460km north-

east of Aberdeen, just 10km east of the Ninian oilfield.

Recoverable reserves are esti-

mated at 10 million barrels of

Partners in block 3/8b.

which contains the Staffa

use as fuel. Development cost will be \$40 million.

Ranger, as operator, has also received development ap-

proval for the Anglia offshore

gas field in the southern gas

basin, in which it has a 35.6

per cent interest. Partners include Conoco. Elf Oil and

Gas. Amerada Hess and Tri-

ton Resources. Production of 50 million cubic feet of gas a

The board hopes the reorganisation will be com-The bank is dividing into pleted by April The moves will cause job losses, in particular among the 600 treasury staff.

Sir John Quinton will conwill be merged with Barclays tinue as chairman in the de Zoete Wedd, the invest- reorganised bank. The bankment banking offshoot, to ing division will be headed by form a markets and invest- Alastair Robinson, the market division by Sir Martin Jacomb

BUSINESS ROUNDUP US firm to pay £11m for Klark-Teknik

KLARK-Teknik, the USM electronic products manufacturer and distributor, is being acquired by Mark IV Industries, the American manufacturing group, for £11 million. Shareholders are being offered 69p a share, representing a 38 per cent premium to the Klark-Teknik share price on Oct 24, the last day when trading in the shares was recorded before a "bid talks" announcement three days ago. The shares moved up 5p to 68p on the announcement. There is a loan note alternative. Acceptances for the recommended offer have

already been received for 52.4 per cent of the shares. Klark-Teknik also announced pre-tax profits of £1.6 million for the year to end-July, a 42 per cent increase on 1989. Turnover increased 55 per cent to £10.6 million. A special interim 1.2p dividend has been declared in lieu of a final dividend for the year, making a 1.95p total (1.4p).

Rowe Evans profits slide

field, are Lasmo North Sea. the operator, with a 60 per cent interest, and Ranger Oil LOWER commodity prices (UK), which holds the for palm oil and rubber. outstanding 40 per cent. Ranger has an 11.5 per cent coupled with adverse ex-change rate movements, meant reduced profits at interest in the Ninian field. The field will be developed Rowe Evans Investments, using two sub-sea production the plantation group. In the wells linked by pipeline to the Ninian southern platform. where oil will be processed and transported through existand transported infogrations are ing pipeline facilities to the Sullom Voe terminal. Gas from Staffa will be sold to owners of the Ninian field for

Bertam down 40% at half PRE-TAX profits at Bertam

Holdings, the West Malaya plantations operator, fell by 40 per cent to £338,000 in the six months to end-June. compared with £560,000 for the same period last year. six months to end-June, pre-tax profits were £290,000 dend. Oil palm and fresh (£1.74 million). Earnings fell fruit yields were up considfrom 2.98p to 0.41p. The erably. No significant price company does not pay an invernents are expected for interim dividend. the remainder of the year.

Telegraph ahead 3%

PRE-TAX profits at The Daily Telegraph, publisher of The Daily Telegraph, Sunday Telegraph and The Spectator, rose 3 per cent to £29.7 million in the first nine months.

The rise follows higher profits for manifest in the state of t

The rise follows higher profits from associated printing companies and a big increase in investment income, which rose from £1.1 million to £3.9 million, reflecting the positive cash position. However, the increase in pre-tax profits was accompanied by a tenfold increase in the tax charge, which rose to £8.3 million as the company used up remaining tax losses. Sales fell from £175 million to £167 million, and operating profits by 23 per cent to £24 million.

Classic car trader loss

Third Market classic car trader, has reported a half year to end-May, its first six months of trading, and has announced it is engaged in "advanced bid talks". The range of motor activities". investment portfolio.

Ensign Trust assets fall

Automobiles of Distinction, ENSIGN Trust, the investment manager controlled by the Merchant Navy Officers £114,000 pre-tax loss for the Pension Fund, suffered a 24 per cent fall in net assets per share to 85p in the year to end-September. Final dividend is maintained at 1.30. company said classic car Pre-tax profits fell 5 per cent values declined sharply dur-ing 1990 and it is looking to suffered from a 16 per cent diversify into "a broader slump in the value of its

Outhwaite cash call

THE 880 members of the Outhwaite 1982 Names Association, representing Lloyd's members involved with underwriting syndicates hit by massive asbestos damage claims, have approved a £3 million commitment to finance a legal claim against more than 80 Lloyd's members agents.

At the first annual general meeting of the association, at Westminster Central Hall, members unanimously gave the go-ahead to a cash call to raise about £700.000 to cover costs. A further £2.3 million is to be made available by members to cover legal costs if the association loses its case.

Postage Stamp Desi Contest

Second Postage Stamp Design Contest

Sponsored by the Japanese Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications

■ Excellence Award

Application Outline

Dissian A - for those aged 19 or over as of January 31, 1991 Division 6 - for those aged 18 or under as of January 31, 1991

 There are no limitations regarding theme. Entires must be original and previously unreleased designs.

 Award-winning entries may also be used for postcards and mon terrers (domestic version of perograms) upon the consent of the artist. The copyright and ownership of all award-winning entries

in magazines and exhibitions of the Ministry of Posts & elecommunications. Regular entries will be returned if requested after the

contest. Award-winning entries, however, will not be returned. Regulations

mm on a piece of 260 mm × 210 mm paper. The design can be oriented either vertically or horizontally. Selection of drawing and coloring materials is at the

 figures indicating stamp postage and year of issue as well as letters and/or characters denoting the issuing country cannot appear on the entry.

Submission Procedure

There is no limit to the number of submissions.

Minister of Posts and Telecommunications Award (for postage stamp design)
 2 entries from each division: Award: ¥1,000,000 for division A / ¥500,000 for division B

10 entries from each division: Award: ¥300,000 for division A / ¥150,000 for division B 50 entries from each division: Award: Commemorative items with a value of ¥30,000

and mailed to the address below.

Submission of Entries

 Entries chosen for use as postage stamps may be partially modified or trimmed.

shall belong to the Ministry of Posts & Telecommunications. Award-winning entries may also be used for the purpose of PR

 \bullet entries must be enclosed within a space of 200 mm $\times\,150$

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The following items must be affixed to the back of the entry

Division, Title of the entry, Full name, Age (as of January 3), 1991), Sex, Phone No., Address, Country, and Whether or not you want your entry returned.

Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, Stamps and Correspondence Promotion Division "Postage Stamp Design Contest" 100-90 Tokyo, Japan.

• Clasing date: January 31, 1991

Announcement of the Results All winners will be directly notified of the results by the end of

Hisao Isada/Kohei Sugiura/Mae Nagata, and others **Award Presentation Coremony** Winners of the Minister of Posts and Telecommunications Award and Excellence Award will be invited to Tokyo for the

award presentation ceremony, which will be held on the

"Special Postage Stamp Issuing Day" (May 31, 1991).

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Scottish Heritable warning By MARTIN WALLER

the owner of Standard, Britain's only fireworks maker, has issued a profits warning, forecasting pre-tax losses of £5.5 million in the year to end-December along with hefty

below the line provisions. The shares, now at a tenth of their value a year ago. slipped 1p to 13p on the news. The company said it was in talks with its bankers and was optimistic about putting together a debt restructuring package this week.

Scottish Heritable, whose interests include property, housebuilding, hospital beds. golf clubs and oriental carpets, expects to lose £1.7 million in the second half and report extraordinary losses at the vear-end to cover the closure of its property division and of a small modular housing division in Alabama.

A property sale in America has been delayed, but the company says it is looking at alternative disposals to cut debts, estimated by analysts at over £75 million.

Standard should exceed last year's £1.5 million profits, but carpets could lose £2 million and hospital bed manufacturing is losing money.

Cullens is back in the black

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

CULLENS Holdings, the grocery store business, has made its first pre-tax profit in five years, due to a new type of franchising scheme intro-duced by Peter Matthews, the chief executive. The group made a profit of

£339.000 compared to a loss of £317,000 for the six months to end-August. Turnover was £863,000 compared with £6.33 million, and earnings per share were 1.3p compared with a loss per share of 1.3p. There is no interim dividend. Under the partnership scheme, shop operators have a share in the profits and contribute a profit and loss account on a monthly basis. The turnover figure for the first half of the current year represents the profit contribution from the stores under the

partnership scheme. Mr Matthews has handed over the role of chairman to Robert Rayne but remains chief executive. The shares were unchanged at 34p.

Firms unprepared | Bett Bros for single market By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

action to prepare for the EC single market in 1992. Almost by the single market.

The trade and industry demanagers in private sector companies each week about their readiness for 1992. Survey figures of 2,869 interviews, in the six months to June, were given to yesterday's National Economic De-

velopment Council meeting. The report says: "There are a large number of small- and medium-sized companies plications of the single market for their activities if they are to remain competitive."

Of companies surveyed, 57 per cent have taken no action and parliament's role.

take action, while 9 per cent have looked at 1992 and a quarter still believe their decided that preparatory acbusinesses will be unaffected tion would be inappropriate. Twenty-three per cent of

companies claim that the sinpartment is interviewing 100 gle market will not affect them, 5 per cent say they are "too busy" to think about preparations and 4 per cent say they are unaware of plans for the single market. The survey also shows that Britain is now behind only

Denmark in implementing 1992 measures. Of 107 due to be in place by 1990 only 18 have not been implemented. which may not be doing

In a business agenda for enough to evaluate the im
Europe the CBl acknowledges Europe, the CBI acknowledges several issues are coming into focus from the EC, including the implications of the single market for British sovereignty

dividend lifted 10%

By MARTIN BARROW

dividend of 4.3p a share for a total of 6.4p for the year to the end of August, against 5.8p for the previous 12 months. Pre-tax profits for the per-

£4.35 million, while earnings fell from 18.86p a share to 18.59p. Turnover of £20.6 million compared with £34.7 million for the previous 12 months.

million to £5.03 million.

INTEREST RATES

NatWest announces the following changes in interest rates effective from 1st November 1990:

	Crown Reserve		
Customers not affected by CRT		Customers -	
Gross Interest per annum		Net Interest per annum	Gross equivalent per annum to a basic rate (aspayer.
13.75%	Crown Reserve Account – £25,000 and above	10.75%	14.33%
13.50%	Crown Reserve Account – £10,000-£24,999	10.50%	14.00%
13.25%	Crown Reserve Account – £2,000-£9,999	10.00%	13.33%
	Student Plus		
6.00%	Student Plus Account –	4.50%	6.00%

National Westminster Bank PLC 41 Lothbury London EC2P 2BP

By Martin Waller

SCOTTISH Heritable Trust, MORE than half British comto prepare for 1992. However, banies have failed to take 13 per cent of those intend to builder and property development. oper, is increasing its total dividend payment by 10 per cent despite returning nearstatic annual profits and earnings per share.

The company, which also owns nine public bouses and two hotels, has declared a final

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which included a major property disposal. Group operating profits rose marginally from £4.82

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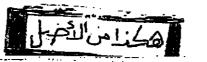
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impact of the now expected total closure of the works would be disastrous. Only by developing new profit streams could the port have any long-term chance of

operating commercially. But in a speech in 1988.

Britain's longest running corporate soap, Eurotunnel (a story of power, money, international politics and boardroom drama) reached another

cliffhanging climax this week. From the British side (where else?) highly trained technocrats drilled a hole that reached France. This was not the tunnel itself, but a small bore which extended beyond the face of the tunnelling machine which is creeping steadily towards France.

On the far side, Frenchmen anxious to catch their first gasp of Kentish air, accelerated their digger until it uncovered the little hole. The two countries were thus united, and the Continent was no longer cut off from the mainland.

The meeting of the two tunnels, albeit through a 150 metre hole only three inches in diameter, will put to an end the old jokes about the tunnels missing and the company getting

two for the price of one. It also marks the end of one of the speculative phases through which the tunnel project will pass, just as it has to pass through the various layers of the earth's crust. The geological risk can now

pool, the pressures favouring

conversion are threefold.
With the dock labour

scheme defunct, ports are free

Because Britain is a rel-

atively small island, the op-

limiting them to "port-related

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area: fine when the port

business is booming, fatally

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In common with most, if

not all, west coast British

ports, the Clyde authority has

seen an enormous decline in significance over the past two decades, as the country turns

its trading face increasingly

The problem is going to

worsen rather than improve.

Earlier this year. British Steel

hot strip mill at the Ravens-

towards continental Europe.

many types of cargo.

A mousehole through to France

be written out of the share price. A tunnel is not only feasible, it has been done, even though parts of it are only mouse-sized.

Other technical risks are out of the reckoning. The new piece of Kent constructed just along the coast from Dover Harbour is nearly complete, absorbing the millions of tons of chalk spoil taken out behind the boring

The great terminals at either end are now recognisable by their earthworks, roadbuilding and loading bridges. The sea has remained outside and the White Cliffs have retained their stability. So long as the railway works and the newly designed rolling stock does not suffer the fate of the tilting train, there will be an operating tunnel.

But not all the risk elements have passed from the shares. Although funds are in place to complete the project, that is on current estimates of cost with a considerable amount of head-

COMMENT

DAVID BREWERTON

room. The sums could still go wrong. Current shareholders still do not know at what price the new shares will be offered. Hence they do not know the level of

Finally, there is the greatest risk of all, will enough people use it to justify the price-tag, especially when the English side is dogged by the fiasco of the fast rail link? The omens are inconclusive. There is con-siderable public interest in the project, and 600,000 people have visited the exhibition centre at the Folkestone terminal site. Whether they will put their cars into Eurotunnel's wagons or drive along the coast to the Dover ferries is anyone's guess at the moment. Traffic forecasts

have held up despite the recession. The oil price moves against the ferries and air.

Depending on one's point of entry, Eurotunnel shares have been a fabulous investment or an abominable disaster. They collapsed 100p to 250p on their first day of dealings. subsequently zoomed into the £12 area before falling back again. No matter what price is picked for the new tranche, they will continue to be volatile. But the risks on this second public equity offering are considerably

less than first time around. The "breakthrough" has been timed perfectly to coincide with the equity issue, and the programme of further breakthroughs, handshakes, picture

opportunities and goodness knows what else should be enough to keep the momentum of interest up for many a month. Not for widows. Not for orphans, Unless, of course, they like a bit of fun and holidays in France.

Wait for it

The markets had decided by mid-morning that the Chancellor would cut interest rates immediately in the wake of CBI blues. Sterling futures for December assumed a rate of just under 13 per cent and, more presumptuously, genuine three month money fell 0.25 per cent to about 13.5 per cent. Speculation of an announcement was fuelled by lack of action by the Bank of England over the predicted money shortage.

Surely, said the men with the fevered brows, the Bank was holding back to reveal a rate cut. As if to settle the matter, the

French announced a quarter point cut, removing any lingering fear of a German rate rise today. This thinking did wonders for the stock market, but nothing for sterling, which limped steadily down to below its central rate against the mark,

In the event, the Bank dug in its heels and punished the banks, eventually charging a penal overnight rate for money. "Don't push us" was the message. But will John Major jump?

Sterling's disbelieving reaction was a warning that the Chancellor's anti-inflation credentials have still to be proved under pressure. Predicting a 13 per cent base rate in mid-December is a fair bet, given the first real break in retail price inflation will be announced then. The trickier question is whether Mr Major will be tempted to jump the gun and help the electricity share sale. The next money supply figures, due on November 20, will give a tempting opportunity. Today, analysts may well be able to predict from the weekly figure that they will bring year on year growth of M0 below 4 per cent.

CONVERSION of up to 50 Ports aim to trust ports to the private sector will enable managers of existing port authorities to cope with problems unforeseen in whip up a the statutes that set them up. The Clyde and the Tees & Hartlepool authorities, which have pioneered the move, storm in the illustrate both problems and According to Tees & Hartle-



'Taxpayers must be repaid': Patrick McLoughlin

for increased powers would be granted only if the ports were prepared to accept a greater level of accountability, for example through incorpora-

Hartlepool was quick to

Once incorporated, they will be free to issue shares to private investors.

According to Hill Samuel. announced the closure of the Clyde's financial adviser, the shares will be sold to managecraig steel plant, which pro-vides about 40 per cent of the and future, probably using an Clyde port's business. The employee share ownership plan (Esop), as well as local investment institutions.

Tees & Hartlepool has anpointed NM Rothschild to devise a share issue, and contemplates a public flotation after about five years. In operations. the year to March. Tees & Paul Channon, then the trans- Hartlepool made £40 million conversion. Even though the port secretary, said that any pre-tax profits. Its main cus- government does not formally

requests from the trust ports tomers include ICI, Philips North Sea, British Steel and

Alex Finlay, of Tees & Hartlepool, said lifting restrictions on the authority's activities will enable it to diversify into A year ago, Clyde became related fields, providing a betthe first to seek incorporation, through a private bill sponsored by a local MP. Tees & AB Ports. She said: "We will be able to

provide a complete service with our own lorries, warehousing and freight-forwarding operations." Local property markets will

also be affected as the sales will allow the huge, hitherto largely untouched, property portfolios owned by the ports to be commercially devel-

Tees & Hartlepool, which plans a development arm, has 2,500 acres of land, including perhaps 1,000 acres which are

But there is a snag to

own the trust ports, it is claiming most of the proceeds

Patrick McLoughlin, the shipping and aviation minister, said ports had received government grants and taxpayers will have to be repaid in some form. The demand has shocked and surprised Clyde's board, which was given no prior warning, and says the demand has thrown its financial projections into confusion.

The two sides are still in negotiations over the condition, though George John-ston, Clyde's director and secretary, said: "I would not like to put too strong an emphasis on our chances. Diccussions are on-going and we are doing our best to talk

the government figure down."

Clyde argues that "the more the government takes, the less flexible we can be in our capital structure and more vulnerable we will be to predators. The more options we have in the ways we restructure, the more we can attract the right sort of people to invest". Even so, the chances are

that some time next year, the Clyde Port Authority will become the first trust port to offer shares to outside investors since these ports were founded a century ago. Probably the most in

triguing and contentious will be the Port of London Authority (PLA), which has jurisdiction over the Thames from Teddington to Tilbury. The considerable improvement in profitability may be achieved. The dock labour scheme. which compelled ports to employ many more workers than they wanted and preserved strict job demarcation. was abolished in July 1989.

Before abolition, Tilbury, the main PLA port, had a workforce of 1,750. Its 1989 payroll of £30.5 million swallowed a large chunk of its £45 million turnover. The workforce has now fallen to 1,000 surplus to the needs of its port and all job demarcation has

JONATHAN PRYNN and ROSS TIEMAN

M&S shrugs off doubters

TEMPUS

long enough to know what it

takes to ride out a recession. A

new management team is in

place but there are clear signs

that the company is not about

to shed its conservative image.

that they are prepared to take

painful decisions to keep the

company on the right tracks

The new boys have shown

TALK of Marks and Spencer's fallibility last week was exaggerated. Britain's largest high street retailer still weathers the storm better than most.

Interim pre-tax profits to end-September rose 10.3 per cent to £230 million. Sales rose 6.2 per cent to £2.66 billion and earnings per share 8.7 per cent to 5.4p. The dividend is up 8.1 per cent at 2p.

However, the figures masked some disturbing trends. Clothing sales per square foot fell in real terms. Profits at Brooks Brothers, the American menswear retailer, fell from \$8.1 million to \$1.5 million, while Kings Super Markets, the American food business, saw profits fall from \$6.6 million to \$5.4 million. The Canadian businesses are all still losing. In Britain, fin-

ancial services profits fell

from £3.6 million to £1.1 miltion and home furnishings continue to face a difficult market. On the positive side, last year's £11.8 million interest charge has disappeared. Prof- belung facility at a cost of £3.2 its in the European business are up 40.4 per cent at £8 is not to be ignored and tight million. British food sales cost controls are the order of

took advantage of the flat be maintained at 4.7 times.

property market to increase its In difficult conditions, the trading space by 3.4 per cent. M&S is expected to have a company has done all that was expected of it by delivering more difficult second half. pre-tax profits up 21 per cent Phillips & Drew estimates that end-August. Earnings were 10 pre-tax profits will be £650 per cent higher at 22.32p a

million for the year, putting the shares on a p/e ratio of 15, a significant premium to the sector. But M&S is one of the A modest dividend rise of 6 per cent to 8.55p a share few reliable performers in a volatile sector and the shares performance is unlikely to be are worth hanging on to. repeated in the current year. Industry here and overseas is shares. delaying investment in capital goods and increased demand FENNER is an engineering for maintenance and repair stalwart that has been around

> Despite the high overseas content, earnings will, at best, of TV Times. be maintained this year, leaving the shares at 6.3 times' prospective earnings. In rel-

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by closing a Scottish conveyor million. Gearing of 47 per cent continue to rise and the group the day, if interest cover is to firm signs of a resurgence in advertising revenues.

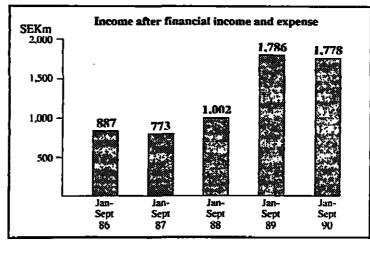
Interim pre-tax profits £19 million lower at £108.8 million were greeted by the market with a 5p rise to 335p. The decline came from a £10.8 million expected seasonal loss to £16.1 million for the year to and interest payments from acquisitions, including the American legal publisher Martindale-Hubbell, a net £1.8 million lost because of the falling dollar. Comparison indicates that this sterling also suffered from £6.5 million of exceptional profits last time from the sale of Reuters

> The book side suffered from the downturn in consumer spending, with operating profits falling 19 per cent to £24 million. Consumer publishing had a boost from the purchase

Despite the exceptional element in the first half, it is hard to see Reed making good the ative terms, they are fully lost ground in the second and pre-tax profits may end up around £275 million, against £302 million last time. The shares now sell at a below-REED International was in average 9.4 times prospective cautious mood when it faced earnings and yield almost 6 City analysis yesterday. The per cent. Any further weakshares have come off 140p ness and they will start to look from their high this summer, good value again, present and it can still not point to any uncertainty notwithstanding.

SKF Nine Months 1990

SKF nine months profit SEK 1.78 billion



January – September 1990	Swedish Kronor	Sterling equivalen
Income after financial income and expense	1,778m	171m
Earnings per share	9.80	95p
Sales	21,077m	2,032m

If you want copies of the 1990 Nine Months Statement, please contact SKF Group Public Affairs \$-415.50, Goteborg, Sweden. Tel +46 (31) 371000

Average rate of exchange: Jan - Sept: 1986 | GBP = 10.63 SEK, 1987 | GBP = 10.24 SEK, 1988 | GBP = 10.83 SEK, 1989 1 GBP = 10 69 SEK. 1990 1 GBP = 10 37 SEK.



In favour of going Dutch THE Netherlands is the natu-

ral choice for British companies setting up on the Continent for the first time. Such is the view of Sir James Cleminson, past CBI president and former chairman of Reckitt & Colman, who has spent much of his working life encouraging links with the Netherlands. The Netherlands is one of the best places to start because it's near and most of the people speak excellent English," says Clem-inson, aged 69, who presented the ninth annual Anglo-Dutch Awards for Enterprise at the London Hilton yesterday. "It is our fourth biggest trading partner and a lot of companies start there." Cleminson, who steps down as chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board this month, passing the title to Sir Derek Hornby, former Rank Xerox (UK) chairman, has a long association with the country. A member of the 1st Airborne division in the second world war, he was awarded the military cross for saving the life of his commanding officer during the battle of Arnhem. Far from reducing his workload, he is now embarking on a project to belp save the Theatre Royal. Norwich, which is in urgent leed of funds.

Winning streak

JUST days after winning what may become its most lucrative assignment yet - the admin-

corporate finance team at Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte seems destined for still greater things. For it has become the first team of professional Lotus Development. "It seems quite appropriate that the largest corporate finance department should have got this far," says Majid Sadjadi. the team leader, adding that all the other finalists, including Burton, the retail group, are drawn from industry. "With Polly Peck we have gone some way towards demonstrating we can restructure a company," says Sadjadi, aged 32, who works under Richard Stone, head of corporate finance and a Polly Peck administrator with Michael Jordan of Cork Gully and



"Marks and Spencer? It's the slightly brighter spot."

istration of Polly Peck - the Ross. Hopefully, the calibre that they had made a terrible petitors in the challenge, which ends next Tuesday, manage fictional companies advisers to reach the finals of the annual Business Challenge, sponsored jointly by the Institute of Directors and doubt take comfort from a Hillgarth's post Coopers victory. FROM a City stockbroker's circular to clients: "A recession is when your neighbour loses his job. A depression is when you lose your job. And panic is when your wife loses her job."

> THE talk of recession that has been gripping the City has driven some traders to desperate measures in their quest for entertainment. The point was proved on Tuesday evening when two institutional salesmen from Williams de Broe, the stockbroker, were seen making a hasty exit from a nightclub in the West End. The pair, Joe Nally and Andrew Morgan, who specialise in UK equities, had been enjoying a quiet glass or two of champagne at Xenon, a club develop in Europe." After in Piccadilly, central London, when they were joined by three exotic creatures who asked them to dance. Happy to oblige, and perhaps more than a little flattered by the proposal, they moved to the dance floor and entered into the spirit of the occasion. After

some minutes, and on closer

examination, Nally and Mor-

gan realised, to their horror,

Mistaken identity

of the team will pull us mistake. "The hands were too through," Sadjadi says. Combig and the Adam's apples were too pronounced," says a rival trader, who was enjoying a beer when he saw the pair

> PETER Knapton, new head of UK equities at MIM Britan-

> nia, is not alone in his fight to

improve prospects for the investment house. For, in the second high-level appointment this week, he has been ioined by Tristan Hillgarth. formerly of Framlington, who has been brought in to head a brand new European venture. Hillgarth, aged 41, has been appointed chief executive of MI-MIM International Asset Management, a new joint venture between the British group and Italy's largest financial services company. "I will be looking for Japanese and American cash and expect a lot of development within Europe," says Hillgarth, who. like Knapton, was introduced to MIM by Stephenson Cobbold, the headhunter. "IMI wants to expand overseas and MIM is keen to training as an accountant with Arthur Andersen, Hillgarth spent five years with Charterhouse Japhet before beginning his spell with Framlington. He is well placed to strengthen ties with Europe, since he was born in Spain, his wife is French, and he has a weekend

JON ASHWORTH

Laura Ashley to cut debt by £50m

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

will see its borrowings reduced by £50 million to £38.7 million and net assets increased by £39.6 million to £112.5 million as a result of the £30 million Japanese rescue package announced in August.

The group has set out the details of the complicated transaction that shareholders are expected to approve this

The central part of the deal is the subscription by The Aeon Group, the Japanese company, for 35.2 million new shares in Laura Ashley at 85p each.

Aeon is paying £29 million in cash for its 15 per cent stake. Shares in Laura Ashley, which were 49p when the deal was first announced, were unchanged at 72p yesterday.

In addition to the stake in

LAURA Ashley, the clothing ing in Revman, Laura Ash- per cent stake, Laura Ashley and soft furnishings retailer, ley's American bedroom furwill retain control of the nishings group, for £8.5 design and quality of the million.

> The move means that Revman becomes an assocent, while Revman's debt is taken off Laura Ashley's balance sheet.

cent stake.

Revman has renegotiated its bank loans and is paying Laura Ashley £4.3 million in cash and £4.1 million of nonvoting redeemable preference stock. The total Revman deal is worth £20 million to Laura Ashiey.

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Asincy Laura Ashley through its retail the parent company, Aeon will take a 47.5 per cent hold-

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brands and will receive an Revman's management is increased royalty. There are paying £900,000 for a 5 per 35 Laura Ashley shops in

Laura Ashley, meanwhile, has renegotiated with its ciated company of Laura Ash-ley, which will own 47.5 per a new £60 million loan that banks. The group has taken on will be used in part to repay existing loans which restrict the group in disposing of its

> The deal will give Aeon the right to appoint one nonexecutive director to the group, providing it retains a 10 per cent stake.

The holding of Sir Bernard

Ashley, the chairman of Laura

Ashley, will be reduced to 59.2 Acon has the right of first refusal to buy a further 5 per cent of Laura Ashley should

Sir Bernard decide to sell

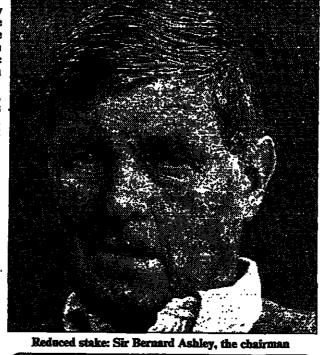
MAJOR INDICES

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TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

BUSINESS LETTERS

Industry paying for consumers' excesses

mechanism (ERM).

The decision to tie the pound more closely to our competitors is of course wel-However, the reduction will have little impact on the conon the investment intentions of UK manufacturers. This has serious consequences for our members in the machine tool industry who supply the capital equipment needed for

As soon as possible we would urge the chancellor to lower interest rates further to bring Continuing high interest rates and exchange rates in Spain, for example, have led to a high

From Mr A. Mote

experiencing the reality of this

recession, and dealing with the

horrific consequences, for the

This is not news - it is

The real news is the fact that so many people, including

The remedies will be simi-

larly delayed at our long-term

government ministers, are only now waking up to the devastation which has been

best part of a year.

ASHLEY MOTE

Overdeans Court.

Dippenhall. Farnham, Surrey.

history.

overlooked.

record on employment we are sumer credit through the use Sir, In common with other sure that they will wish to of differential interest rates. sectors of UK manufacturing avoid the embarrassment of the adverse effects of short-

need to keep a check on wage settlements. This is especially sumer and more importantly so given the clear downward pressure on the money supply and the slump in retail sales.

Given the government's stated intention to encourage the growth of manufacturing industry, certainly there is a any growth in manufacturing better way of curtailing ex-which should occur. better way of curtailing ex-cesses of consumer spending In welcoming the entry into the ERM we are sure that the rate of DM2.95 will not help without containing growth in other areas which are vital to overseas manufacturing industry we are simply being real-UK competitiveness or aid the balance of payments problem.

a whole. We would recombend adoption of at least one of the following: a two tier value added taxation system, for example, as in France; the pound down to a more changes to the system of corcompetitive level of DM2.77. poration tax to increase retained earnings and thus provide extra funds for invest-

From the president of The level of unemployment. Giv-Machine Tool Technologies en the government's positive trols on the availability of con-

We are equally concerned at cision by the chancellor to three million again in advance termism in the City which enter into the exchange-rate of a general election. We would suggest, there- finance for long-term investfore, that a policy of exces- ment in manufacturing. We sively high interest rates has would urge the chancellor to long ceased to be of use to the take all possible steps to come as is the reduction of government as the sole in-interest rates by one point. strument of policy despite the the Stock Exchange by making remove the casino effect from short-term profiteering more difficult to achieve.

Despite ERM entry and the move towards lower interest rates we must stress that there is a distinct possibility that it may be a case of too little too late. These fears are not "squeals" or the product of "misery mongers". In contrast, in the face of continued ustry we are simply being realistic. It would appear that UK manufacturing is now having to pay for the excesses of the consumer at precisely the time when it should be expanding. Yours sincerely, E.N. ADDISON.

President, The Machine Tool Technologies Association. ment, training and research 62 Bayswater Road, W2.

Hotel booking policy discriminates The recession is history, not news

From The Rev Roger F. Ducker,

Sir, Today's news (October Sir, I read with astonishment 24) that a survey has shown that people who reserve accommodation in Trustthat Britain is in a severe recession has one worrying house Forte hotels are liable to aspect that has been widely be moved out "to nearby hotels" with as little as 48 Those of us directly inhours' notice, to make room volved in industry and comfor business travellers under merce - as opposed to those the company's new Business merely watching - have been Guarantee scheme (report,

October 13). This is surely an unwarrantable piece of discrimination 281 Otley Road,

of their reservations will be made very clear to them at the time of booking — and not hidden away in the small

I fervently hope that such prospective patrons will choose to look elsewhere for their accommodation, where they can rely on hotels to honour their undertakings. Yours faithfully ROGER F. DUCKER.

against private individuals, Leeds, and I assume that the pro-

Cash flow and the cut in interest rates

From Mr P. Bellchambers Sir. As the owner of a very small manufacturing business going up not down. wrought on British industry, by high interest rates since started from scratch seven years ago without private capital. I was more than cut interest rates.

> Keen to assess the promised improvement in cash flow I contacted my bankers. Lloyds

They told me that contrary

to my expectations my borrowing rate would now be

There is nothing like a well thought out monetary policy. Yours faithfully, pleased when the chancellor PETER BELLCHAMBERS Thomas & Peters. Artists & Casters.

Court of Appeal

Law Report November 1 1990

Court of Appeal

Privilege excluded under Act

Evode . Yorkiyde

Before Lord Justice Dillon and Lord Justice Rainh Gibson Dudgment October 17] A defendant to proceedings brought under the Banking Act

1487 was not entitled to claim retrance on the privilege against self-incrimination as a reason for not answering interrog-atories or disclosing documents. as that privilege was excluded by section 42 of the Act. The Court of Appeal so held

in dismissing an appeal by the first defendant Miss Carol Rikey from an order by Mr Justice Morniti that Miss Riley answer interrogatories and disorder of Mr Justice Mervin Governor and Company of the Bank of England and Miss Riley and the second delendant, the appointment of a receiver

Section 42 provides, "(1) Where the [Bank of England] has reasonable grounds for suspecting that a person is guilty of contravening section 3 or 35 above the bank may . . . above the bank may ... require that person - (a) to provide such information as the bank may reasonably require for the purpose of investigating the suspected contravention. (b) to produce such documents be specified being documents the production of which may be reasonably required by the bonk

"(4) Any person who without reasonable excuse fails to comply with a requirement imposed on him under this section ... shall be guilty of an offence. .." Mr Jonathan Acton Davis for

Before Lord Justice Nourse.

Lord Justice Russell and Sir

A legal adviser employed by the

local authority committed a serious contempt of court when

she instructed a social worker

engaged in the case to persuade a steplather to forgo his staying

access ordered by the wardship

judge The Court of Appeal so found

on the stepfather's application

contempt of court, should not be

permitted to appeal against the

ing the steplather to return to

the matrimonial home, such

return to be preceded by increas-

ing periods of access to the

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Income in the exercise of its

discretion in the interests of the

wards permitted the local au-

thority to proceed with its

appeal which was subsequently

Mrs Margaret Puxon, QC and

Mr Paul Mallender for the

stenfather: Mr James Townend,

Roualeyn Cumming-Bruce

[Judgment October 25]

In re P (Minors)

under the 1987 Act for injune or otherwise dealing with any of their assets pending investiga-

claimed such privilege, in rela-tion both to the pending prosecution and to an anticipated prosecution pursuant to sections 3 and 35 of the 1987

QC and Miss Deborah Bangay for the local authority: Miss Eleanor Platt, QC and Miss Haylee O'Brien for the mother:

Mr Clive Newton for the guard-

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL

said that the judge's order, having provided for the step-

father's return on a specified date, also provided until then that at the local authority's

discretion he should have access

to the minors initially by visit-ing access, but during the

remainder of the period by

authority had applied for a stay

of the judge's order. Lord Justice

Purchas had refused that

legal adviser instructed the so-

cial worker to persuade the

steplather not to accord himself

the access over the weekend of

October 19. Despite Mr

Townend's submission to the

contrary, the court was satisfied that the terms of the judge's

order were unambiguous.

Both Mr Justice Ward and

Lord Justice Purchas had in-

tended there to be staying access

Thereafter the local authority

On October 19 the local

staying weekend access.

ian ad litem.

application.

LORD JUSTICE RALPH from members of the public. In 1989 she was arrested and charged with 53 charges of in November the Bank of

England instituted proceedings tions restraining the defendants from contravening section 3 of the Act (prohibition of unauthorised acceptance of deposits) and from disposing of tion of suspected contraventions of section 3, and for orders

GIBSON said that between 1983 and 1989 Miss Riley ran two prespisations in the course of which she obtained money obtaining money by deception

ursuant to section 48. Mr Justice Mervyn Davies's order was designed to ascertain what assets Miss Riley had within or outside the jurisdic-tion of the court. The order was made by consent because there was no dispute that the information and documents in question were relevant to the bank's claim, but it was made plain that Miss Riley would rely on the

privilege against self-incrimination. Miss Riley subsequently mentioned certain civil proceedings that had been brought against her. It was common ground that if

Bank of England v Riley and Another

Before Lord Justice Dillon and String Lord Lord Lord Company Ltd

Miss Riley. Mr Julian Gibson-such privilege existed it was section 42(4) covered a multitude of circumstances without necessarily including reliance on Chartering Company Ltd

Miss Riley. Mr Julian Gibson-such privilege existed it was validly claimed, and that the necessarily including reliance on Chartering Company Ltd

These differing answers lay at 20) with which Lord Guest and the root of the issue to be Lord Donovan agreed."

Chartering Company Ltd

The vessel was delivered on decided in the appeal, which lay in the proper construction of section 42 in its statutory

context. His Lordship reviewed the 1987 Act, including section 82 which restricted the disclosure to other persons of information obtained pursuant to the Act, and section 85 whereby section 82 did not apply in the case, inter alia, of criminal proceedings brought under the Act.

Mr Acton Davis submitted first that express words were needed in a statute to exclude the privilege against self-in-crimination, and that section 42 did not contain mandatory terms such as those in the Purchase Tax Act 1963 which in R r Har: R v Power ([1967]] AC 760) were held to override the privilege.

The use of presumptions in statutory construction were of importance for protecting the rights of the individual against

unintended encroachment by the use of general language. However section 42(1) by necessary implication provided that a person coming within the section had a duty to provide information or disclose docu-ments as stipulated, and was not excused from doing so by reason that the result would tend to show that he had contravened the 1987 Act or any other provision of the criminal law.

Moreover, the statute considered in Har- did not expressly remove the privilege, and his Lordship could see no relevant distinction between that pro-vision and section 42.

The judge said that the de-

over both weekends of October

It was plainly the duty of the local authority not to do anything to prevent that order from

being implemented save by its

application for a stay, which had been refused. The legal adviser had no right to instruct the social worker to approach the

The court regarded her con-

duct as flouting its order, and

amounting to a cynical dis-regard for what she knew were

the views of both Mr Justice Ward and Lord Justice Purchas.

Mrs Puxon was entitled to invite

the court not to entertain the

In the exercise of the court's

discretion, in the interests of the children, the court had how-

ever, decided to proceed. That

did not mean that the contempt

was other than a serious one. and the court hoped that noth-

ing like it would ever occur

in a very irregular way. The contempt was serious, but by her affirmation to which his Lordship referred there could

The legal adviser had behaved

stepfather.

appeal.

Council legal adviser committed contempt

the privilege; for example, physical inability to comply with the requirement for information or documents owing to illness or accidental destruction of

His Lordship agreed with the judge that the presence of subsection (4) did not destroy the necessary implication created by subsection (1).

The judge also said that by reason of section 31(1) of the Theft Act 1968, any information produced in compliance with his order would not be admissible in any proceedings under

Mr Acton Davis did not argue that section 31(1) was relevant to the construction of section 42, but his second submission was that the judge should in the exercise of his discretion not have made the order, having regard to Miss Riley's fears that she might be jeopardised if the bank disclosed information ob-

the question of admissibility could safely be left to the

to interfere therewith.

Chartering Company Ltd Justice Bingham [Judement October 16] If the charterers under a time

tained to the police or others. There might be a theoretical possibility that such disclosure might give rise to a prosecution of offences other than ones under the 1968 or 1987 Acts (although none had been sug-gested), but in that eventuality

criminal court.

The judge had considered all matters relevant to the exercise Lord Justice Dillon agreed.

of his discretion, and no ground had been made out for the court Solicitors: Mander & Sharma. Walsall; Freshfields.

apology to the court so as to purge her contempt. In the circumstances it would not be

necessary to take any further

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE

said that the local authority's actions following the refusal of

the stay should be a cause of real

concern to those who cared for

the propriety of civil admin-

it was not just that local

authorities had to obey the law:

gerous arrogance to think that it

could be in the interests of the

ward to maintain a view which.

at any rate for the time being.

The courts were sympathetic towards the difficulties with

which the social services were

confronted by cases of suspected

child abuse. They were not at all

sympathetic towards a gross excess of function in defiance of

Sir Roualeyn Cumming-

Solcitors: Galbraith Branley

& Co. North Finchley: Mr Gordon F. Smith, Enfield; Pegden Dubow, Lower Edmon-

; Official Solicitor.

had been discredited.

Bruce agreed.

it was the arrogance, a da

Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord

charter send a vessel on a legitimate last voyage and the vessel was thereafter delayed without fault on the part of the charterers so that redelivery of the vessel took place after the final terminal date, the question arose whether the charterers, in the absence of agreement to the contrary, were liable to pay hire for the excess period at the charter rate or to pay at the market rate, if that were the

higher rate.
The London Explorer ([1972] AC 1) was authority for the proposition that the charter was presumed to continue until

delivery. Two further points were clear although they had not been spelt out explicitly in earlier authorities: 1 Under the general law the

charterers were be liable to pay hire for the excess period at the market rate, supposing that to be the higher rate, if, though only if, the failure to redeliver nal date rendered them in breach of contract to the owners, so that the liability arose by way 2 The failure to redeliver the

vessel before the final terminal date rendered the charterers in breach of contract unless, by the term, beyond any margin or tolerance which the court might be willing to imply in ascertain-ing the final terminal date, the charterer's obligation to re-deliver fell to be treated in effect as an obligation merely to use their best endeavours to do so by the final terminal date, so that a failure to redeliver by that date without fault on their part would not render them in

The Court of Appeal so stated in dismissing an appeal by Gesuri Chartering Company Lid. the charterers, from a decision of Mr Justice Saville on.
July 31, 1989 that, on a true construction of a charterparty, they were not entitled to order the vessel Peonia to perform a voyage which could not reasonably be expected to be com-pleted before about June 11. 1988 and that Hyundai Merchant Marine Company Ltd. the owners, were entitled to refuse to comply with any such order.

Mr Angus Glennie for the

charterers Mr Bernard Rrs. QC and Mr Bernard Eder, QC. for

LORD JUSTICE BINGHAM said that by a charterparty dated April 3, 1987 the owners char-tered their vessel Peonia by an agreement which provided, in line 14. "about minimum 10 months maximum 12 months time charter, exact duration in charterers option" and in line 15 "charterers have further option to complete last voyage within

June 11, 1987 thus the 10month period expired on April II and the 12-month period on June 11, 1988. On May 6, 1988 the charterers concluded a subcharterparty which would, if performed, have meant that the vessel would have been redeliv-

The owners protested that the proposed voyage was illegiti-mate [that is, one which could not reasonably be expected to finish by the final terminal date]. They asked for voyage orders which would have enabled the vessel to be redeliv-ered by June 25, thereby giving effect to the expression "about" effect to the expression "about" in line 14 and later for voyage orders which would enable the vessel to be redelivered within the charter period or alter-natively for payment of hire at

an enhanced rate for the dura-tion of the voyage outside the charter period. Neither condition being accepted the owners withdrew the

An arbitration award was later made that the charterers were entitled under the charterparty to undertake a last voyage that started before June 11, 1988, as extended by any tolerance to be implied by the use of the word "about".

His Lordship said that it

seemed to him, although chal-lenged by the charterers, that every time charter must have a final terminal date, that is a date by which, in the absence of an exonerating clause, the charterer was bound to redeliver the margin or tolerance beyond an expiry date stipulated, the final terminal date came at the end of such implied extension. When the parties had agreed on the

margin or tolerance to be allowed, the final terminal date came at the end of such agreed His Lordship posed the question of the position where the charterer gave orders for the employment of the vessel which could reasonably be expected to be performed by the final termi-nal date but which was not, for reasons, such as bad weather, for

which neither party was

To that question the parties had given different answers, Mr Glennic answered that there was in that event no breach of contract by the charterer; he remained liable to pay hire at the charter rate until the mo-ment of actual redelivery but, there being no breach of con-tract, he had no hability in damages and thus no liability to pay the market rate of hire, if it was higher than the charter rate. for the period between the final

terminal date and redelivery. Mr Rix answered that in situation the charterer was in breach of contract and accordingly liable for damages in respect of the period between the final terminal date and redelivery.

Charterer liable for last voyage delay

concerned the legal effect to be given to the "further option" contained in line 15 of the charterparty. The owners construed that provision as protecting the charterers against the ordinary consequences of breach of conered to the owners no earlier than about July 19, 1988. tract if they should fail to redeliver by the final terminal date, at any rate unless the

breach was caused by their own act or omission. The charterers contended that the provision could be understood as having that effect, since, if through no fault of their own, they failed to redeliver by the final terminal date they were not in breach of contract anyway and thus had no need for contractual protection; but that the "further option" was to be understood as entitling the charterers to order what they could not lawfully order without that provision, namely, performance of what, but for that provision, would be an illegitimate last voyage with no liabil-ity beyond a liability to pay hire the charter rate until the time

withstanding that the voyage extended beyond the final terminal date. Mr Justice Saville had said: In the end I remain un-persuaded that I was bound by any authority to conclude that, even without the further option. the charterers had the contractual right for which they con-tended, or, putting it the other way round, that the owners were not entitled to claim damages for failure of the charterers to redeliver the vessel by the agreed date when the vessel was

of actual redelivery not-

sent on a legitimate last voyage. "Indeed it seems to me that, with the exception perhaps of the dictum of Lord Denning. Master of the Rolls in The Democritos ([1976] 2 Lloyd's Rep 149, 153), the weight of at least appellate opinion is the other ways one in periodian the other way: see in particular the speech of Lord Morris in *The* London Explorer ([1972] AC 1.

His Lordship thought it plain that "option" in line 15 was to be read as meaning "choice" or "right to elect". That was how the word was used in line 14 and

contractual principle.

His Lordship agreed with that

conclusion. The majority de-cisions in *The Dione* ([1975] I Lloyd's Rep 115) and, perhaps.

The London Explorer were, as

he read them, authority binding

on the court in support of the owners' argument. They also seemed to accord with general

how it was generally used in charterparties. -"Further" conveyed that the option in line 15 was additional to the option in line 14. "Complete", in his view, bore its ordinary meaning of "finish" and it could not be appropriately used save in relation to something which has already started or begun.

in the absence of any contrary be inclined to read "last voyage" as meaning "last voyage under the charterparty".

He did not regard the lan-guage of line 15 as at all apt to convey the meaning for which the charterers contended. Nor did he find it very apt to express the owners' suggested meaning

was satisfactory, the less un-satisfactory of the two was the owners: here 15 gave the charterers the right, additional to the right in line 14, to require the owners to complete a legiti-mate last voyage free from any liability in damages in respect of the period between the final terminal date and redelivery, at any rate unless the unexpected delay was caused by the charterers' breach of contract.

His Lordship agreed with the conclusion of the judge and would accordingly dismiss the

Lord Justice Balcombe agreed and Lord Justice Slade delivered a concurring judgment. Sinclair Roche & Temperley.

Fairness prevails

parte Halstead Where a person who was serving

a sentence of 12 months detention for one offence was sentenced to an additional 14 days. consecutive detention by jus-tices for non-payment of a line imposed for a different offence. and that had the unintended effect of putting her into a different remission category so that she was entitled to only one-third remission rather than one-half and would thus serve an additional 74 days, fairness required that the additional 14

days should be quashed. The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court (Lord Justice Bingham and Mr Justice served judgment on October 15

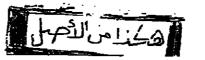
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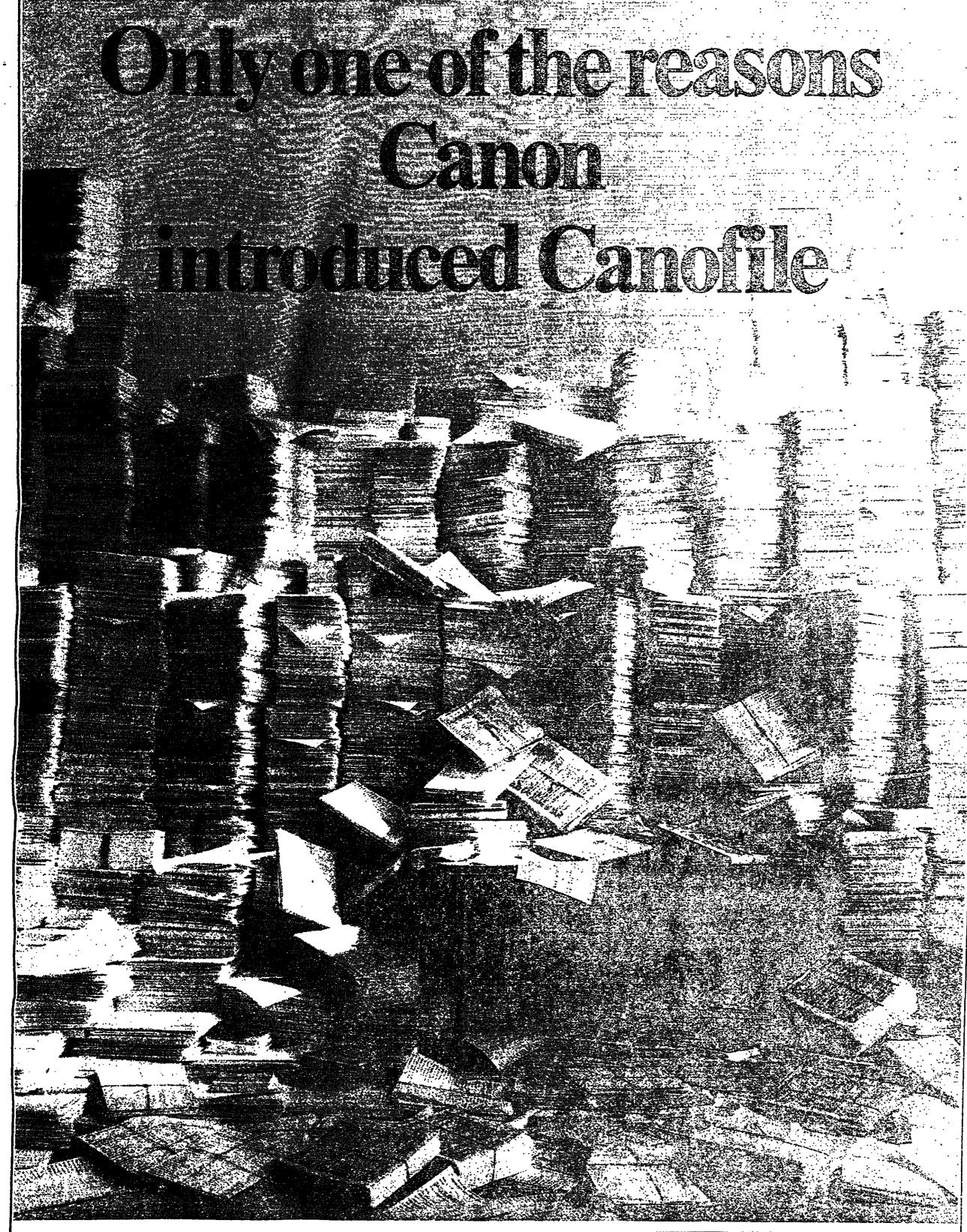
LORD JUSTICE BINGHAM said that the justices had been unaware of the effect of the additional 14-day sentence upon the applicant's remission back by 74 days as a con-sequence of her total sentence being in excess of 12 months. The rationale of the ordinary rule that a court should not take remission into account in pass-

ing sentence was clearly rooted in fairness to the defendant, who might not carn any remission. It would be unjust if a court shut its eyes to a rule, which was intended to be for the benefit of a defendant, being allowed to work to her disadvantage.

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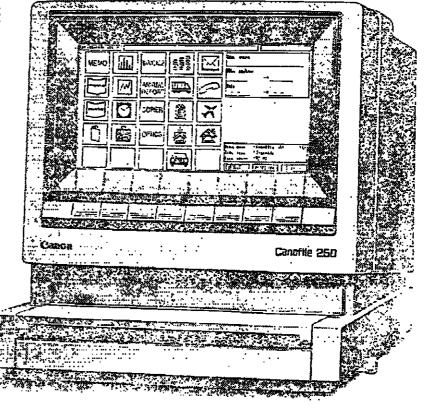
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Profit worries push BTR shares to low

trial conglomerate slumped by 9p to a low of 282p amid mounting speculation that one leading securities house is about to make swingeing cuts in its profit forecasts both for this year and 1991.

There is talk that the broker has decided to reduce its estimate for this year to below the £1 billion level. This would be considerably lower

Shares in Tuskar Resources, the Irish exploration group quoted on the USM, slipped ½p to 31 1/2 p. The group is expected to announce within the next few weeks that it has sold a 10 per cent stake in its Rubiales venture in Colombia for about £10

than any other broker has contemplated so far. At present, most estimates range between £1 billion and £1.1

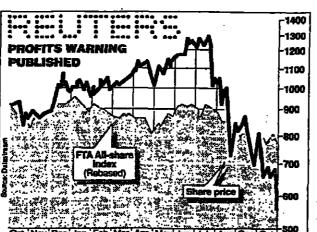
Last week, James Capei, the and on Monday Smith New Court cuts its estimate for 1991 from £1.14 billion to £1.05 billion. It blamed the weak Australian dollar and lower volume and margin growth in America and

son, both had their names mentioned as the brokers most likely to make downgradings. Once again, there was talk that BTR was considering a rights issue, but this was generally considered to be mischief-making on the part of market bears. Most dealers agree that a concerted effort is being made to drive the BTR

The rest of the equity market enjoyed a mark-up on growing hopes for another cut in interest rates after the call from the CBL But there was little support and the gains were virtually halved by the close. The FT-SE 100 index was 28 points up before eventually finishing only 16.4 ahead at 2.050.3. The FT index of 30 shares rose 17.6 to

Government securities sported gains of £1/2 at the longer end, cheered by an interest-rate cut in France.

Reuters tumbled 52p to 555p after the group said it was going to postpone the launch of Dealing 2000, its automated foreign-exchange trading system, for six months of testing and that it planned to reduce the workforce in some areas by 300. The cost of the job losses is estimated at £10 million. As a result, the UBS Phillips & Drew and group is now forecasting pretax profits for the current year



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accompany the figures. Chairman Lord Rayner said

of £320 million against £283 million last time. Most estimates had been

pitched at between £330 million and £335 million and analysts say that a question mark now hangs above the £400 million which had been generally forecast for 1991. Clyde Petroleum fell 6p to

173p as Hoare Govett, the broker, placed a near 10 per cent holding belonging to DSM Energie, the Dutch group. The 31 million shares were placed at 170%p each and buyers had to be scaled down. The placing has eff-ectively eliminated any remaining bid speculation.

The rest of the oils suffered small losses as the price of the results showed the group

maintaining a high level of performance in a deteriorating climate. Both the food and clothing sides made further progress despite the squeeze on consumer spending, but the financial services division saw profits decline from £5.7 million to £4 million because charge-card customers had decided to borrow less. The shares responded with a rise of

7p to 236p. But there was bad news for shareholders in Scottish Heritable, the troubled propertyto-fireworks group, down a further 1p to 13p. The shares have halved in value during the last two days. The group has given warning that conditions continue to deteriorate and it predicts losses of £5.5 million for the full year.

The group has secured tem-1p to 334p and there were also porary support from its bankdeclines for Burmah, Ip to

470p, Enterprise, 2p to 631p, Lasmo, 7p to 438p, Richmond Oil & Gas, 2p to 96p, and Rolls-Royce, the aero-engine group, shipped 11/2p to 1714p after a downgrading of The market breathed a sigh pre-tax profits by James Capel. Capel has cut its foreof relief at the half-year figures from Marks and Spencer that cast for the current year by £5 turned out to be in line with million to £280 million and expectations. Pre-tax profits rose from £208.7 million to for 1991 by £40 million to £310 million. The broker £230.3 million and there was blames rising fuel costs that no sign of the gloomy trading have forced airlines to reduce statement which some bears expenditure on engine parts.

Rank Organisation rallied by 10p to 553p after Tuesday's year-end presentation for anboth 1990 and 1991. But some brokers still believe the shares will fall as low as 500p by

The banks also recovered some of their poise in the wake of BZW's profit downgradings of both National Westmin and its own parent company, Barclays Bank, this week.
Lloyds Bank rose 4p to
254p, Midland 12p to 189p.

BICC fell 20p to 316p — making a two-day decline of 45p — as profit downgradings continued. Whispers in the market claim that Warburg Securities has reduced its estimate for the current year from £210 million to £185 million, followed by £175 million for

vhile NatWest held steady at 243p. Barclays rose 3p to 335p after announcing restructuring plans. Most analysts believe that a further round of beltnightening by the big four banks to offset the growing problems of bad debts and static growth in investment

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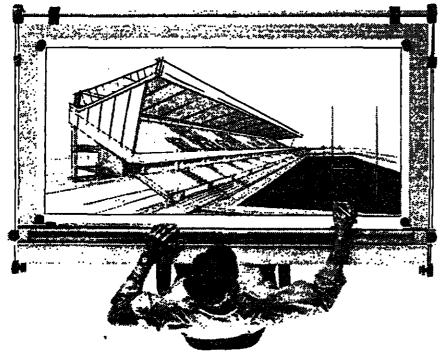
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Smart moves to keep the costs down

Moving even one employee can cost £50,000. Rodney Hobson examines the CBI advice that relocation must be well planned to avert disaster

country to another can cost businesses nearly £50,000 for every employee, the Confederation of British Industry estimates. Sue Shortland, the manager of the CBI's employee relocation council, says: "The basic costs of moving, including agents, legal and removal fees, plus assistance with disturbance costs and temporary accommodation, are about £11,000.

"When other expenses, such as bridging loan interest charges and house-hunting costs are taken into account, this can double. A company's by another £24,000 if employers make payments towards employees' additional mortgage-interest charges.

The bill rises even further if employers pay for any losses on the sale of property in a declining market."

Even moving a worker within the same building can be expensive. One company that specialises in relocation, the FM group, based in Crawley, West Sussex, estimates that the average cost of relocating an office worker within existing premises is £1,840. During 1989, an avcrage company moved twothirds of its office staff

The CBI, worried by the potential costs, held a con-



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Transferring workers ference to help its members from one part of the monitor relocation costs and monitor relocation costs and examine ways of making relocation policies more costeffective. The CBI believes the revaluation of business premises and the uniform business rate were bound to increase the pressure on companies to move away from London and the southeast.

Miss Shortland says: "Companies in the region faced tremendous increases in rates bills. Even before the changes in the rating system, companies were experiencing higher rents and shortages of space. The civil service is staff to the north and Midlands. Eight thousand jobs were moved from London last year, and the figures for this year are likely to increase by at least 20 per cent."

Other problems that the CBI has found in the southeast include the difficulty of recruiting and retaining skilled staff and traffic congestion costing businesses an estimated £10 billion a year.

If employees live in or commute from the southeast into London, congestion also adds to the costs, both human and financial, that companies have to meet.

Companies have to accept that moving is very much a family affair. The CBI says that working wives often resist when companies try to move their husbands' jobs to another part of the country.

The CBI believes that the problem will grow with the increasing number of married women entering the labour market. A husband can be equally hostile when his wife's employer wants to shift her to

A CBI survey found that a third of the 130 companies questioned had employees who were refusing relocation because it would mean loss of career progress for wives or

To combat this, CBI members are developing policies to deal with the dilemma of the



Going away: Pickfords handles the relocation of a company to the other side of the world. Most moves, however, are less ambitions and the motives are usually financial

ten members offers a spouse-employment package, giving financial compensation and practical assistance such as career counselling, preparing job applications and assistance in 'searching for opportunities in the company's

iss Shortland says: "Couples are becoming increason dual incomes. A relocation and subsequent loss of one income can have a devastating effect on their lifestyle. In addition, the spouse or part-ner may be losing financial independence, which adds to the stress of relocation.

"If the couple decides that the spouse should remain in the old location while the employee moves to the new area, with long-distance com-muting at weekends, this may jeopardise the couple's relationship. It is also likely to affect the employee's perfor-

working sponse. Nearly one in consultants KPMG Peat Marwick, says it is difficult to assess whether staff costs, staff availability or the cost of premises is the main force in persuading companies to relocate. He thinks that cost of property is probably the main prompt for a move out of London. Rent and rates in London are likely to run up to £60 a sq fl. If an employee occupies 100 sq ft, that is make the trip because they £6,000. The same space in the have built up a career path and provinces may cost £20 a sq ft pension rights. Companies or less, a saving per employee of £4,000 a year.

> Mr McCredie says companies have used the sale of premises to finance a move to bigger factory with new equipment, not just in London but wherever existing premises can be granted planor shopping development. Staff at managerial level, he says, are more inclined to go with the company on a longdistance move than lowerpaid workers. He adds: "Clerical staff are

mance at work."

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Jim McCredie, the head of than management people. relocation at the management They will look for another job rather than feel that they are worry that young profes-locked into the company, sionals with three to five Often the spouse is working in a job in the same regional location and that means changing two jobs. Particularly in London, where clerical workers are in demand, sal-

can join another company." He says that longer-serving members of staff will often

aries are high and the worker

years' service will leave.

There is a rather shortsighted view that the only centre for professionals is in London," he says. "Companies ask whether there are good accountants in Runcorn

Mr McCredie trains employers how to break the news of an impending move to staff. Generally, he says, it is best not to tell employees until it is

possible to answer any quesclients not to become obsessed tions they may raise and to explain to them the advanwith grants, nor to consider making a decision on a move. tages of the move. They need to know what options are available, what the transfer They should be viewed as part of an overall financial ap-praisal, he says. terms are and what severance Miss Shortland at the CBI compensation will be. However, some public-sector staff

says: "Moving should not be are involved from day one and considered lightly. Companies that can work well, so long as need to be conscious of all the managers are prepared to face implications of moving premrumblings of discontent while details are thrashed out. ercises must be well planned Mr McCredie also advises to avert disaster."

The parks that bring in the business

Business parks have helped to encourage companies to relocate. Now competition among the parks themselves has produced a more sophisticated approach and the emphasis is on amenities and location rather than the bare buildings. Many tenants move only a short distance, to stay near their town

centre (Rodney Hobson writes).

Jeremy Williams, a director at Redrow, which has developed a business park in northeast Wales, says: "You have only got to queue for a car parking space to know what convenience is about."

St David's Park is in Clywd, six miles across the border from Chester. Its capacity will be 500,000 sq ft, of which 125,000 sq ft are booked and 50,000 sq ft are already operational. Tenants have

come from nearby towns. of UK Land Developments, which is building Northampton Business Park on Roads and restaurants

among the attractions

centre, is another executive who does not scorn the humble parking lot. He says:
"Parking is still the single most important factor. The big attraction is that there is room for vistors and staff." The Northampton park has 1,000 spaces.

Motorways have been another factor determining location. A prime example has been the re-generation of South Wales. The M4 provides a fast link with London, and particularly Heathrow. Bedfordshire, with the MI and MII, and its own airport at Luton, has seen business parks proliferate.

being put on people. Mr Williams says:
"You have to have public transport. 54 acres only a mile from the town There have to be amenities on site for

people who live within the park. If they cannot get a bite to eat at lunchtime and find somewhere to buy a newspaper, they will not be happy." Mr Robinson says a bank, a wine bar, a modestly priced restaurant and a sandwich bar should be

within walking distance. Many of the employees recruited locally for companies moving to business parks are mothers returning to work. Creches and day-care facilities are

now regarded as important.

Hotels and conference and leisure facilities are highly rated by incoming companies. Northampton, for example, is considering providing a gym, a dance studio, a tennis court and a jogging track. Mr Robinson says: "Building a

successful business park is not like constructing a factory to the required thing and you have got to cater for





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Welcome Celtic revival



Switching the scene: David Brown (left), the executive director (London) of Locate in Scotland, and Robert Rayland, the general manager of Crusader Insurance, at the former Scott Lithgow shippard in Greenock, near Glasgow, where the company's headquarters are being relocated

south Wales do not have running water, says Chris Sheehan of the Welsh Development Agency. That is one of the more extreme prejudices Welsh, Scottish and Northern Irish agencies have had to break down to attract businesses from the southeast and abroad. "Wales," Mr Sheehan says, "has been seen as a backwater."

David Brown, the executive director (London) of Locate in Scotland, a joint initiative of the Scottish Development Agency and the Scottish Office, says Scotland, too, used to be thought of as being on the fringes of Europe. Constraints on the growth of companies in southeast England have changed that. "The young banker or manager," Mr Brown says, "now sees career opportunities in Scotland."

Frank Gaibraith, the executive director at the Northern Ireland Business Centre in London, adds: "Manufacturing skills are available and our young people have Educated workforces are now showing how Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales

have been underrated, Rodney Hobson writes

prospects of 12,000 new jobs."

London area. About 10 per cent of

Scotland's workforce is now in the

financial sector. Mr Brown claims

that outside London, Edinburgh is

the UK's most important financial

Scotland: "The strength of the academic system holds the key to the future. We produce more graduates per head of population than any other country in Europe. "The average annual staffing

Mr Brown says the same of

turnover in Scotland is only 6 per cent. I meet directors of leading banks and software companies based elsewhere who complain of staff turnovers of more than 30 per cent a year. It is not in their interests to persevere with that

Although financial incentives provide icing on the cake, it is not the prime consideration. "We tend to put financial assistance at the bottom of the heap," Mr Galbraith says.

Nevertheless, financial considerations are part of the lure. Mr Brown says: "A company office

financial services initiative for Wales, says: "There was a feeling in the southeast that only the home counties could support banking and consultancy vices." He lists Chemical Bank employing 200 people in the centre of London could save £3 and Price Waterhouse as some of the bankers and accountants who million a year by moving to Glasgow or Edinburgh, £2.5 mil-

lion on staffing and the rest on hthough many companies are drawn from southeast All three countries claim grow-England, foreign com-A panies are pouring investment into Scotland, Wales ing success rates in attracting new nesses. Mr Galbraith says: 'Our last financial year, to March, and Northern Ireland. Japanese companies, including Sony and was the most successful yet." Mr Brown adds: "Last year was a record one for projects, with £850 million in investment holding out Mitsubishi, have set up in Wales. The latest large recruit is from Germany. Robert Bosch is starting an engineering plant just outside Cardiff in the new year, its first big investment in the UK. Scotland, All three countries place great store by attracting financial-services companies from the too, has fared well in attracting

have moved to south Wales.

American companies. Mr Sheehan probably speaks for all three when he sums up: "It does take a bit of hammering in, but those who made the decision to come here have been pleased."

The exodus from the southeast includes 40,000 civil servants

PEANNED DISPERSALS

Ministries go to the country

ore than 40,000 civil servants will have left London and the southeast between 1979, when the present government came into office, and the mid Nineties. The figure is not final but is calculated on the numbers already moved and present plans to disperse departments (Michael Hatfield writes).
Four out of five civil servants

now work outside London, 17 per cent are in the southeast and 62 per cent elsewhere. Key centres are Nottingham, Leeds, Teesside, Liverpool, Bristol, Newport, Glasgos and Belfast - areas that are the focus of the government's regional or inner-city policies.

Ministers and civil servants agree that sound relocation can benefit many parties. Depart-ments can reduce their spending on accommodation and recruitment, and civil servants say that staff leaving London's expensive housing and crowded transport systems appreciate the better ame nities and quality of life in their new locations.

The relocation benefits were illustrated in a Scottish Office report, evaluating the dispersal of part of the Overseas Development Administration from London to East Kilbride. The report showed that, as well as cutting costs, the move had benefited management, staff and the region.

The implementation of plans may take a long time. Richard Ryder, the economic secretary to the Treasury, included in a recent statement on relocation plans the defence ministry's proposal to disperse 6,500 posts, but some moves will be as late as 1995.

The policy of moving civil servants was triggered partly by the Hardman Report in 1973. although the guidelines were changed considerably two years ago. In the mid Seventies the then

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The total planned relocation for all departments covers 17,000 posts

government began a centrally managed dispersal programme stipulating that particular departments had to move jobs from London and the southeast to development areas. The emphasis was on assisting regional dev-elopment, rather than efficiency.

Dept of Health

The incoming Tory government continued the policy but carried out a review, and in March 1988 Peter Brooke, as Paymaster-General, issued new guidelines. Central targets would no longer be set, and the departmental ministers would decide what should be moved and where. Every department had to review the location of all its work. The aim was to identify cases in which a new location might offer improved efficiency, easier labour markets and better value for money.

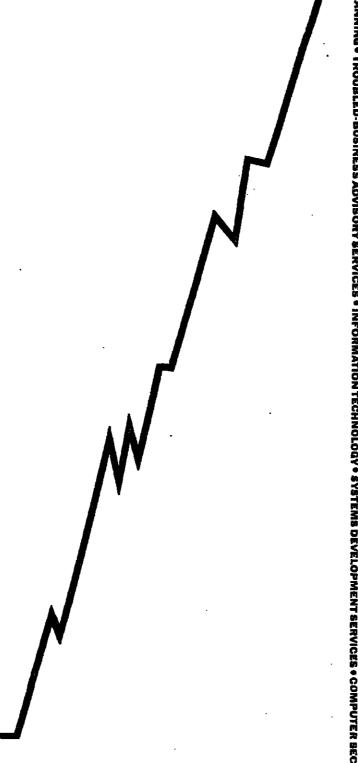
a totally free hand. They must consider the government's wider regional development and innercity policies. The over-riding principle is value for money. The guidelines envisage three stages: A preliminary overall review to identify activities that appear

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suitable for relocation. Detailed analysis of promising cases and consideration of possible locations, in consultation with the regional policy and territorial departments and others, leading to a decision in principle. Detailed plans if the decision is for relocation.

The Treasury monitors departmental progress, but its role is not prescriptive. Departments report their plans to the Treasury every year in the Public Expenditure Survey. Sometimes they seek Treasury help with costs.





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The service finds out what specialist handling equipment, vehicles and crews will be needed. Comtrans says its staff is trained in the handling, loading, securing and transporting of fragile electronic equipment,

and in disconnecting and reconnecting. If the building or computer room at the new location needs adapting, a statement of the requirements is produced, and changes made. During the relocation, staff dismantle the

Comtrans, says: "It takes away the worry from a company that will already have enough on its plate with the movement of other equipment. A company does not want to have to think about the actual dismantling and re-installing of electronic equipment, although it is vital to the company's operation.'

A prime challenge was to relocate the retail division of Lloyds Bank from ten London and two Bristol sites to one purpose-built site in Bristol. The relocation was spread over seven weekends to minimise disruption and required 63 vehicles and 175 specialist removal staff to shift more than 11,000 items

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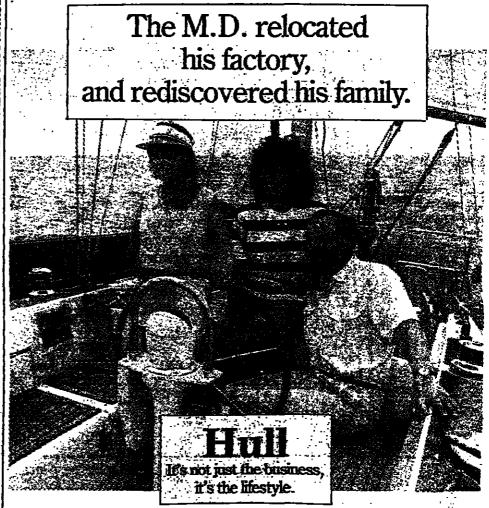
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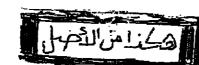
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Carlisle holds a winning hand

arlisle may be in the bottom half of the fourth division of the Football League, but economically it is one of Britain's leading potential growth areas for the Nineties. The attraction for investment, which is what relocation brings, is partly reflected in the quality of life.

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People have more room in which to move than most of their regional counterparts, and they have more money to spend than most. Carlisle is also the only northern town of its size with two luxury car-dealers. Newcastle upon Tyne has four.

A statistical profile of Cartisle, set against 20 other towns, showed it had one of the biggest falls in unemployment over five years, both nationally and regionally.

These characteristics put Car-lisk among the 30 "winners" with dynamic growth potential for the Nineties, named by the Henley Centre for Forecasting in its Local Futures report this summer.

The regional futures unit spent more than six months examining economic and demographic data and came to some interesting, if tentative, conclusions.

John Rigg, the centre's director of policy analysis, says: "These towns and cities have a lot going for them. If they do not do well in the Nineties then the UK is in very

The report, which analysed 322

Thirty towns and cities in Britain have been tipped for

greater prosperity in the Nineties.

Michael Hatfield explains why

fied lines of prosperity stretching from Chester through Telford, eastwards from Worcester to East Anglia, and south through Swindon and Salisbury. Leeds is challenging Manchester as the future "capital" of the north, Glasgow and Inverness come top

in Scotland. London, the study concludes, is losing its place as the focus of economic and cultural activity. Growing skills shortages, increasing traffic congestion and disenchantment with the quality of life will continue to undermine confidence in the capital, the

The most poignant aspect of London, the centre says, is that it lacks a champion and an identity. "There seems to be no buzz, no appetite for the future, no urgency attending the discussion of its identity. The image lacks shape, confidence and daring," the report says. Not so the 30 towns and



John Rigg: "competition" cities identified as future winners

attracting investment and exploiting potential growth, Beyond London there is fierce

competition to attract the investment," Mr Rigg says. "There is growing competition between town and city areas which may not get nasty, but it is going to become increasingly competitive."

In the picking of the winners, the factors determining economic prosperity in the regions, especially the supply influences on business location, were labour supply; proximity to markets; road, rail and sea links; property availability and price; quality of life; proximity to suppliers; and availability of grants.

Although the criteria may not have been controversial, some of the conclusions could be. The availability of grants, for example, was seen to be no longer the attraction that the planning aspirants of Whitehall in the Sixties

and Seventies thought they would be. There also has to be a change of image. Leeds could be a classic example. The city was once the centre of the South Yorkshire woollen and engineering industry, but there are now nearly as many people (17.2 per cent) employed in transport and communication, banking, finance, insurance and business services, as there are in manufac-

turing (23.5 per cent). Mr Rigg says the M62 has also given Leeds accessibility and a link with Hull as a port.

Manchester is not in the northwest's list of winners, not because there is no growth potential but because, under the criteria, the centre did not believe it had "above-average potential for dy-namic economic activity" in the Nineties. Chester, Macclesfield and Warrington were seen as cores of dynamic growth.

The study emphasises that the economies outside the southeast will grow more slowly than the average but it says: "We do not view their prospects with uniform pessimism."

Several regions - the West Midlands, Yorkshire and Humberside, the northwest, Scotland and Wales - have centres of economic activity that are now relatively buoyant and will sustain growth at between 2 and 3 per cent. Companies wishing to relocate may well turn to these centres, Mr Rigg says.

Former "boom" areas, such as

Bristol in the southwest, may be victims of their own success in the Eighties. Mr Rigg agrees that the ripple of commercial and industrial activity that ran down the M4 high-tech, entrepreneurial corridor may now have passed over Bristol because of its overheated economy, and has instead spread down into Wales or radially outwards. That partly explains why Exeter, Salisbury, Swindon in the southwest and Cardiff and Wrexham in Wales have pushed their way up through the mass of economic and demographic data in the Henley study to surface as regional winners.

One of the keys to local prosperity is the interaction of demand and supply - that is, the ability of the locality to supply goods and service at competitive prices and of suitable quality. It is this interaction between house prices, office rents, warehouse space, transport, shopping and leisure that helped the centre to

produce its list of winners. Mr Rigg says the centre has long held the view that for the UK to maintain a satisfactory growth rate, it must develop its expertise in producing high value-added. skill-based goods and services. Industrial sectors with above average prospects include pharmaceuticals, electronic en-gineering and precision instrument-making. High valueadded producer services - legal. financial, advertising and marketing - also have an important role.



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when a company The move starts with a moves to another written proposal beautiful proposa biggest worries is that it will lose valuable staff. "Putting people first" is the priority of the relocation service run by Milton Keynes Development Corporation in Bucking-hamshire (David Rudnick

Suzanne Shaw, who heads the relocation team, says from her ten years' experience that moving can be "a very traumatic time for a company, especially if the staff equation is not handled properly".

effort into smoothing the path hife in Milton Keynes, includof companies moving to the ing its housing, education, city. The corporation regards health-care facilities and opits relocation service as good business, an important contributor to attracting corporute residents. Unlike the are given detailed information services offered by commer-



cial relocation consultants, the Milton Keynes scheme is free

to any company.

Milton Keynes likes to emphasise its concern for the human touch, rather than the technical or physical aspects of relocation.

Mrs Shaw says: "We try to make staff happy about mov-ing to Milton Keynes. This can help to provide the ob-vious employer benefit of maintaining morale and pro-ductivity." ductivity."
She believes the needs of the

workforce should be at the forefront of any planned move because the implications for incentives such as regional aid staff "can spell the difference or enterprise zone allowances. between success and failure, but are often forgotten in the hurly-burly of planning a

Mrs Shaw and her team are often closely involved in the initial relocation discussions between a prospective company and the corporation. city as it expands."

written proposal by the corporation on how the company might handle its move, and what its impact on staff is likely to be. Any relocation benefits that

could be offered to staff are also considered at this stage, usually with the company's personnel department. The proposal also tells companies how to obtain advice on possible tax liabilities facing. employees who receive any

company relocation benefits.
The next stage consists of giving the staff a presentation, Milton Keynes puts a lot of showing the special features of portunities for entertainment. The employees are encouraged to ask questions and packs.

Finally, staff are taken to see Milton Keynes. They tour the city, looking at the company's prospective new site, and at the housing and other amenities. They are then free to go shopping in the city centre in the afternoon. Mrs Shaw says: "The tour is a valuable way of helping staff feel comfortable about the move. It is one thing to be told about the city, but seeing it is really the best way to learn

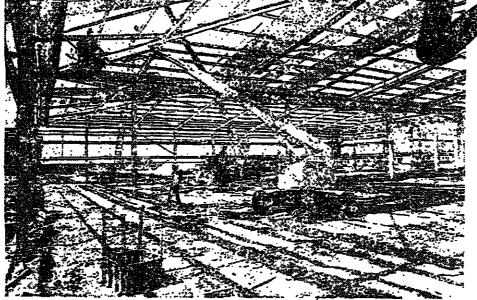
about it."
Milton Keynes is prepared to give considerable time to induction service. When the bulk retailer Argos moved its administration headquarters there in 1987, the relocation team worked every day for four weeks on the initial briefings and familiarisation ours. Up to three months can be spent advising a company

on its relocation Milton Keynes has been offering these relocation services since its development corporation was established in 1967 and has attracted more than 2,500 companies, including 260 foreign businesses, without the aid of financial

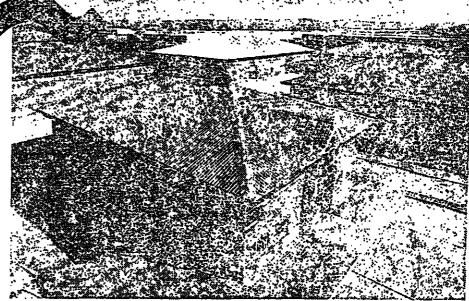
With an average of three companies taking space in the city every week, the relocation service has become a vital and

well-used resource. "We often get repeat busi-ness." Mrs Shaw says. "Some companies relocate within the

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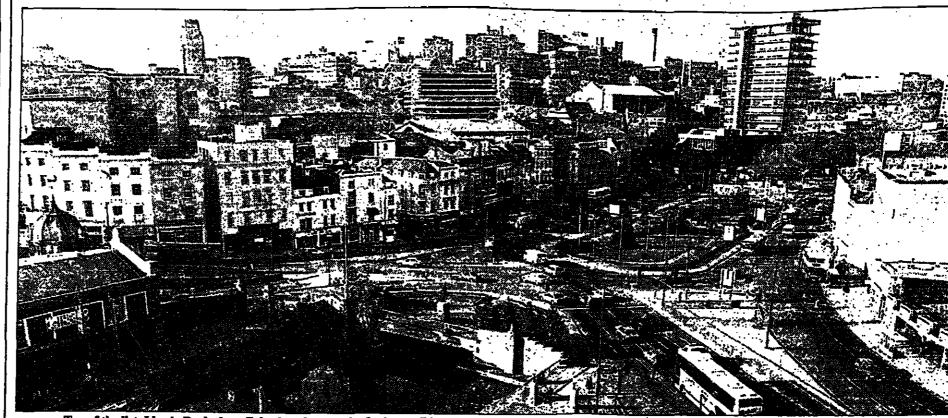
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Efficient planning and management participation are vital components of a successful move. Widget Finn reports



ompanies offering financial services have done their sums and found that, with 'a saving in office rental of up to £60 per square foot, it makes sense to move out of the City of London. However, although cost is an important reason for moving, Hugh Stebbing, the managing direc-tor of Lloyds Commercial Prop-erties, emphasises that relocation has to be seen as part of the overall business strategy.

"You do not move people to a new location because the figures look attractive." Mr Stebbing says. "You have to look carefully at what the business does and who it is trying to service, or you may find that the business cannot survive in a

In 1986, Lloyds Bank produced a study of its head office operations carried out in 37 buildings in central London. Its UK retail banking head office, which supports the branch network across the country, was identified as a candidate for relocation. Since its activities were nat-ional, there was no need for it to be based in London. In 1988, the first phase of relocation began.

Lloyds Bank intends to move 1.800 jobs from London to Cannonsway, Bristol, where the

Sorting out a strategy for swapping sites

new head office is based. With Blackhorse Relocation, its subsidiary, acting as an expert adviser, the bank drew up an initial list of 79 towns that met the criteria of appropriate rents and a maximum travel time of two hours from

"We also felt it was important for the centre to have a population base of more than 75,000 people so that the bank did not dominate the local workforce," Mr Stebbing says.
"There had to be a well-established business community with a healthy job market. At the short-list stage we did a 12-point assessment of

These included staff issues, such as town image, house prices and local facilities, and operational factors such as travel, road and rail links and local authority enthu-

The support of the local authority was also an important factor when Thomas Cook decided to relocate its administrative departments to Peterborough in 1976.

"Peterborough Development Corporation was very welcoming and helpful in sorting out practical problems," says Rosemary Rown-tree, the director of human resources at Thomas Cook.

"The area attracted us because there was land available to build new offices, rather than take over existing accommodation. "There was a plentiful supply of good housing available, covering a wide range of prices, which is

vards of 1,000 jobs." Relocation counselling was care fully planned. "We used consultancy support because this is the sort of move which an organisation will probably only do once in a lifetime and we do not have the specialist skills in-house." Ms Rowntree says. "The reactions of our employees were probably typical of people who relocate."

t first there was concern and anxiety, then a period of excitement when they looked at opportunities in the new environ-ment then, after the honeymoon period was over, many were worried about cutting ties with friends and family. "But if you talk to the same people now they would say that it would take dynamite to move them out of the Peterborough area," she

When Gill Webb, Thomas Cook's personnel officer, first visited Peterborough in 1976 she thought it was

'out in the sticks". The train took nearly two hours, the shopping was poor and there was little night life. Property, however, was cheap, particularly for people moving from

Ms Webb also found that recruitrecruited within a 30-mile radius of the city and found a high standard of staff with good potential."

Ms Webb has seen considerable change in Peterborough in the past 15 years. "Now the city is quite cosmopolitan. Shopping and leisure facilities are superb. I would not dream of moving back to London."

Mr Stebbing sees relocation counselling for employees and their families as a vital part of the process of moving a business. "You have to invest a lot of time in managing the move and in seeing it from the perspective of the people

"If staff see that you are halfhearted then they are not going to be very important that the top people move as well as the middle man-agers. That sort of leadership is part

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sity suggests it is the spouses and children who suffer if Charlie Lewis, a lecturer in psychology, says: "The most clear finding of our study was that relocated mothers not only appeared to be coping less well than their husbands,

many also reported symptoms of psychological disturbance. This is a symptom of a more general family stress after a move and provides support for previous claims that it is wives who are the real casualties. Mothers should be

Relocated women tended to complain more about feeling rundown and having head-

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expertise led it to

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ESSO plotted the location of all its head office staff on a

map. Somewhere about the middle of all the little dots stood Leatherhead. So when

the oil company left its head-quarters in Victoria, central

London, it headed southwest into Surrey (Rodney Hobson

Esso decided to move

because it had outgrown its

London premises. The offices

in Victoria were built in the 1950s in a different business

Technology had outgrown

the building. Leatherhead looked an excellent choice because it was possible to buy

a greenfield site and construct

The move began in June this year and took until

August. "The relocation was

carried out over seven week-ends, to avoid disruption. We

moved one department at a time," says Gerry Marks, the sales manager at Harrow

Green Removals, who was the

control manager for the move.
"Esso staff went home on

Friday night and everything was ready for work on Mon-

Weekend moves are popu-

lar among larger companies. although it is sometimes possible to move smaller busi-

"There is only so much a building can take." Mr Marks says. "The speed of the lifts

determines how fast you can move the furniture in to a

day morning.

nesses overnight.

a purpose-built building.

A move that goes wrong may put the whole family at risk of stress-related illness, according to a recent study

sleep and feel that they were not playing a useful role. They described their children as less were not, however, more depression. In three out of four cases where mothers had difficulty in readjusting, so too did the children. Mothers, the survey showed, were the emotional barometers of the fam-

the focus of attention by relo-Nationwide Anglia Relocation, Dr Lewis says: "The better a mother's readjustment, the more confident her child felt about his or her

aches. They also were more social acceptance close friend-likely to feel under strain, lose ships and general self-worth. Parents who had moved well-adjusted. They were less likely to have a best friend and were said to be less positive ents tended to suggest that

> The children were more likely to be moody and have a nervous habit, such as nailbiting. Girls tended to build new friendships more easily than boys. Boys who had moved tended to engage in a large number of sports and hobbies. In contrast, Dr Lewis

their parents more often."

found that fathers tended to evaluate recent events in a more positive light than fathers of families that had

One interesting finding was that parents tended to worry more about how their children were coping than the children did. "Relocated children did not seem to be as disturbed as anecdotal evidence suggests," about school and to row with their children were experiencing some difficulties."

The research showed that even two years after relocation some mothers were still experiencing distress. "This suggests a need for a relocation service which supports families, particularly spouses, and not just relocated employees," Dr Lewis says, "It also underlines the need for a

mothers and the factors which appear to cause or prevent symptoms of psychological

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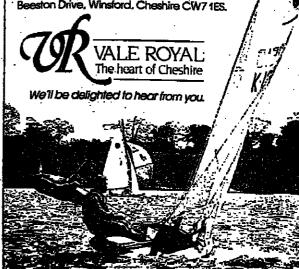
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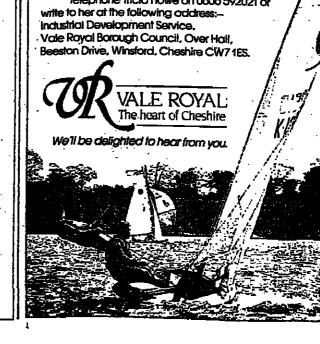
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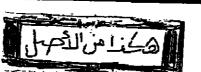
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Lightweight crew's success inspires a revival in the rain

TORRENTIAL rain and mud reminiscent of Henley Royal Recatta may have made British crews feel at home on Lake Barrington yesterday. Cer-tainly for the first time during these world rowing championships they shrugged off the and started to produce pos-

The lightweight four showed the way, racing off the start at 41 and leading all the way from Italy and the United States to earn a place in the final. They were never headed and were easing up, at 37, when they crossed the line. Australia, winning the other repechage heat, were five sec-

In the men's lightweight double sculls, James Hartland and Richard Staite needed a third place to qualify for their semi-final, and got that safely. Joanne Gough and Katharine Grose needed a second place to reach the final of the in the first 500 metres to finish three seconds behind Anna
Seaton and Stephanie Maxfaced a formidable task, needwell, of the United States.

four made a slow start behind China, the world champions, Australia and the United States, but after 1,000 metres found their stride and never looked back, winning by three seconds from China. The men's lightweight four also caught that winning feeling. leading all the way from

Switzerland and Austria to qualify for their semi-final.

Less convincing, but per-haps rowing to plan, the lightweight eight led Denmark and the United States off the start but, over the second half of the course, allowed the United States, Australia and Denmark to go past them. Their fourth place was good enough to qualify for the final, but they have yet to dem-onstrate the finishing power for which they are famed.

The heavyweight coxless four, who needed a second place to qualify for the final, to reach the final of the passed the Yugoslavs in the women's pairs, and shook off last 500 metres to finish Rita de Jong and Anita overlapping the Netherlands Meiland, of The Netherlands, and three quarters of a length ahead of the United States.

ing to finish first or second

The women's lightweight against the Soviet Union, Italy and Australia. After 500 metres they lay third, behind the Soviet Union and Italy. Soon after the 1,000-metre mark they moved past Italy, and in a storming finish pulled ahead of the Soviet Union.

There have to be some tears on even the happiest day, and they were shed for and by the women's heavyweight four. Needing a second place to reach the final, against Canada and the United States, they were a little too slow off the start, At the finish they fought back magnificently, but were denied a place in the final by the United States in a photo-

So from 14 starters, Britain grand finals, the heavyweight eight and both heavyweight fours, the lightweight eight and four, the women's heavyweight pair and the light weight four.

Pinsent and Redgrave, in the men's heavyweight pairs, the heavyweight quad and the lightweight men's double and quad scullers start in tomorrow's semi-finals. Britain's strength in depth is already clearly established.

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A policeman paddling the beat in his kayak



Plodding on: Robinson trains for the canoeing section of the quadrathion on the Leeds-Liverpool canal

Selling his house for his sport

By JEREMY HART

THERE are few sacrifices bigger than those Jeremy Robinson has made so that he can compete in a punishing three-week, 1,500-mile quadrathlon down the length of New Zealand, starting today at Cape Reinga, the most northerly tip of the country.

The Xerox Challenge, a

fatiguing mixture of running, kayak canoeing, cycling and mountain biking, may be heralded as the "most gruelling race in the world" but the financial strain of travelling the events has taken its toll. On sale in his home town of Bingley is Robinson's house. In

the past he has let the house to fund his sport but its sale will provide a longer guarantee that Neither bothers the police-

sport, to the extent that he admits "triathlons [and multidiscipline events] keep me going and I can't manage two or three days without exercise or I get jittery, like giving up smok-ing." Nerves are part of the build-up to an event where the competitors will spend 15 hours running, 26 hours mountain biking, 38 hours canceing and 55 hours cycling, "I get butterflies just thinking about the race," he said.

Robinson, aged 28, is no neuronment to races, like the

newcomer to races like the Xerox Challenge. He was a member of the British white water canoe racing team in the late Seventies and early Eighties and has been a tri- and

quadrathlete for six years. Robinson's first quadrathlon was the Foster's Quadrathlon in Brighton, which included a two-mile sea swim, a 26.2-mile run, a 100-mile cycle and a 50km race walk. He finished

then, he has competed in the Hawaii Iron Man competitions — an apt event for a man measuring 6ft 3in and weighing 15st — and the Coast to Coast. until this year New Zealand's most notorious multi-disci-pline event.

The Coast to Coast and the Xerox Challenge are the products of a former professional skier, Robin Judkins. Veterans skier, Robin Judkins, Veterans of the Coast to Coast, who know Judkins's penchant for creating the near-impossible, are predicting that the Xerox Challenge will be the most difficult race held in New Zealand

Judkins was asked to organise the race by the New Zealand 1990 Commission, a body set up to co-ordinate events celebrating the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Waitanei, the founding document of the country. Given free rein of the

country's most challenging natural features, including the Cook Strait separating the North and South Islands, Judkins will be able to tax the capabilities of 50 athletes over 22 days until they reach Bluff at the southernmost tip of mainland South Island.

Robinson has no illusions about what will face him on his return to New Zealand. This is going to be a lot harder than

going to be a lot harder than any other events I have done." he said. "But I am fully prepared."

With the expectation of 85 miles of running, 238 miles of running, 190 miles of canoeing (including the 40-mile crossing of the Cook Strait) and 1,045 miles of cycling, Robinson knows he will have to pace himself carefully. "The problem will be recovering at the end of each day in time for the next day," he said. "I will have to avoid pushing too hard too soon."

BASKETBALL

Kingston plan to keep their nerve

By Nicholas Harling

THE kind of hostile welcome that might have alarmed most British teams playing abroad should not unnerve Kingston when they attempt tonight to enter the last eight of the European Champions Cup for the first time.

the first time.

No other British club has ventured as far in the Continent's premier club event but if any squad can do so it is Kevin Cadle's. The Kingston coach yesterday took with him to Moscow — where they play the army team. CSKA — seven players who have experience of the American college circuit. For Trevor Gordon, Alan Cunningham, Alton Beyrd, Martin Heplan, Martin Clark,

Martin Henlan, Martin Clark, Darryl Reshaw and Tony Doyley, who have faced 15,000-strong crowds in the US, the experience of playing in front of 5,500 Muscovites should not be too intimidating.
"We're only talking about 5,000-odd, we're not talking about 25,000." Cadle said before his departure. "It's no big deal. We are looking forward to a crowd being there, even if they are not cheering for us. That will be a change. And what we will enjoy most is shutting that crowd up every time we score a basket."

Kingston are 16 points to the good after last Thursday's first leg of the second round. Cadle knows as well as anyone that a bright start by the Soviets could whittle that lead away to next to nothing, but he cannot see it happening, not with Alton Byrd in his squad.

"He knows how to control the floor." Cadle said. "There ain't a Russian out there who can stop him. They weren't even close last week."

Byrd's inspiration laid the foundations for Kingston's astonishing surge in the first leg that took them from 48-48 at that took them from 48-48 at half-time to victory by 93-77.
After studying that game again on his video, Cadle was encouraged by the confirmation that the Soviets could not cope with Kingston by marking them man for man. "That's why they went into a zone," he said, "and that's what suited us. We have got to do an even better job against it this time."

The Achilles tendon strain troubling Alan Cunningham is Kingston's only injury worry. But whatever the pain, the former Harlem Globrotter will almost certainly participate and

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former Harlem Globrotter will almost certainly participate and then take a week's rest.

Sunderland, the only other English club competing in Europe, are out of the Cup Winners' Cup after losing 97-82 to Paok Salonika in the second leg and 193-174 on aggregate. Scotters: Salonika President Scotters: Salonika President Scotters: Salonika President Suckness: 19, Papahomis 19. Sandartande Buckness: 24, Pagerson 22, Vaugnan 18.

SPORTS LETTERS

From the national director of the National Association of

Sir. The Nat Boys' Clubs is delighted to learn that the education secretary, Mr John MacGregor, is proposing a big boost for sport in schools in reduction in "the mounting tide of teenage crime and vandal-

This association, through some 2,000 affiliated clubs, has over the past 80 years actively promoted sport as a vehicle for not only the young to enjoy their leisure activity but also for them and sportsmanship. There are mesent time of former boys" club members than the current England football captain, Gary Lineker, and his predecessor, Peter Shilton, as examples of the whom the NABC has fostered It is significant that these

Money in rugby

From Mr Philip John Aston Sir. To be born and bred in ucestershire gives you a very different outlook on the way the game of rugby union should be played and run. We are accused by some of the learned gentlemen of the game of being narrow minded and somewhat dim in our attitude to the future

While I welcome the new law changes that now enable players to reap a little reward for the time and effort that they out into the game I must protest at the way making money seems to have surpassed the needs of the rdinary spectator at certain clubs.

I write in particular about the supporters and I were treated at the recent league match against Wasps. While enjoying the game, except for the result, and he company of the ordinary Wasps supporters I must complain about a few problems that arose during our visit.

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2. The most important point I have to make is that, I understand from one of the bar staff, the price for one of the most vital parts of a good rugby day beer - was increased for our

might seem unimportant to most people, I believe that if all clubs started to do this the enjoyment of the game for the ordinary spectator would soon

After my experience, unfortu-nately, I will not be visiting Wasps next time Gloucester play there, though any Wasps supporter who comes to Kingsholm next year is welcome to stand where he or she wants and can have a pint of good cheap beer in our clubhouse. Yours, from the wilds of Gloucestershire.

P. J. ASTON. 29 Lansdown. Stroud, Gloucestershire.

Defending dodos

From Mr Gerry P. Scully Sir. Hardly a week goes by without some further threat to make the goalkeeper the dodo of football, the latest being from Mr Doug Smith (Sports Letters, October 25).

Enlarge the goals, restrict the goalkeeper's height to 4ft 9in, reduce the size of his gloves, tie one hand behind his back, suspend him from the crossba by his ankles, just some of the kinder suggestions of what to do

As a retired member of the "You have to be mad club", I fail to understand why on a freezing cold, wet afternoon he cannot be allowed to stand and admire the stitching on the ball, count how many panels there

provisions have largely been achieved by the voluntary efforts of dedicated supporters of a high calibre. The education of the Heysel

appropriate at a time when the representatives in the European ABC, which has enjoyed the club competitions, including four in the Uefa Cup. This was ment of Education and Science achieved thanks to the successes of English clubs over previous seasons, which included European Cup triumphs for Notting-ham Forest, Liverpool and Aston Villa plus Uefa Cup promoting sport within the movement. This is contrary to victories for lpswich and Tottenham. It would have been further enhanced by Everton's spect of all sectors within the world of sport and during the course of each year many hun-Cup Winners' Cup success just

prior to Heysel.
The subsequent ban participation has reduced the English presence to the bare minimum - one club in each of the three competitions (minus Liverpool who are serving an additional ban). This puts us on a par with such "minnows" as Iceland, Luxembourg and

Malta.
Traditionally one of the Uefa Cup places has gone to the League Cup winners, thereby cementing that competition a an important part of the footballing calendar. Last seavilla, were nominated for the sole place available for the present season. As Uefa has representation in this competition next season will remain at one club, an early statement would be welcomed from the English football authorities as to whether this season's Rumbelows Cup winners will receive the single nomination or whether it will revert to the

league runners-up.
This is especially important in view of Rumbelows well-intentioned and well-publicised sponsorship agreement to pay £1 million if this season's League Cup winners proceed to win next season's Uefa Cup, with the proviso that at least half must be spent on ground improvements. This is a financial carrot that the football authorists. authorities must not refuse; every pound will be crucial in rebuilding of our football

STEVE CORBETT, 62 Coverts Road. Claygate, Surrey.

are, see how often he can bounce it on the same clump of mud before faunching it into the

opposition's goalmouth. What a wonderful sight it is to see the opposing forwards retreating in sheer panic as he forages upfield with the ball ningly glued to his feet.

Come on now, leave the poor chap alone and concentrate on beating him, with the ball that

Yours very sincerely, GERRY P. SCULLY,

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Boys' clubs funding curtailed Time to decide The search for a champion

From Mr J. Shelbourne have been very impressed by the Sir, Your article on junior tennis (October 24) was mainly centred (October 26).

London and Birmingham. North Wales has a large number of under-12 and under-14 boy players who represent their country in their age groups. My brother was chosen to make his debut for Wales last weekend at Coventry. We were informed that the Welsh LTA was unable to sponsor these events fully. A £50 tracksuit would be needed and £30 from us would be contributed to pay for one night's stay for an I I-year-old in standard it once enjoyed.

If this is going to happen even once a fortnight, plus paying for two hours' coaching each week and paying for courts to fulfil the eight-hour minimum train-ing requirement, it is no wonder that many parents are not unwilling but unable to support their children in this activit

make our own travel

At the moment, my brother has received sponsorship from a has received sponsorship from a local construction firm but this involves only a 50 per cent reduction on clothing. Every little bit helps because, without this sponsorship, my brother might have had to give up his ambition (which could become reality) in tennis.

Why are tennis clubs and companies so unwilling to encourage and support a young player who will be able to compete with the rest of the world? It is not 17 and 18-yearolds who have just started to play tennis that need the sponsorship, but I to 14-yearolds who have potential. Surely someone who was runner-up this year in the boys' doubles at the Welsh national champion-ships deserves something better than: you can't play for you country unless you pay. Not all young tennis players with real potential are born with silver poons in their mouths Vours sincereiv.

J. SHËLBOURNE. Penrhos College. Colwyn Bay, Clwyd. From Mr Frank Coven

Sir, Anyone enthusiastic for the future of British tennis must

Claims to a name From Mr David Ogden Sir, Mr G. Davies (sports letters,

October 25) queries why foot-ball of the association variety should have the right to be called simply "football" while other games such as rugby have to qualify their titles.

The reason is perfectly straightforward in that football predates other games involving foot and ball and therefore has an undeniable right to the use of the name in its purest form. Being a Welshman, I'm sure that Mr Davies makes the same distinction between league and union when using the term DAVID OGDEN,

3 Warner Street,

Chatham, Kent.

When one reads of the lack of atively few good clay courts available to up-and-coming

players, the continuing insis-tence upon the use of grass courts in so many major tournaments in this country, the small amount of sporting science support and difficulties upon which some coaches have to work, one begins to under-stand how much is to be done to Miss Buxton does end the

interview on somewhat of an optimistic note, however, and her mention of Ann lones is a reminder of the dedication and guts that at one time was much more evident in the British game than appears to be the case

FRANK COVEN. 22 Cadogan Court. Draycott Avenue, SW3.

Sir, As I am active in athletics which is arguably Britain's most ful sport internationally, it is only natural that I reflect on those sports that are not, among which tennis is high on the list most of these sports blame part of their failure on inadequate facilities, some of which would need large capital investment. My surprise therefore is understandable at what I saw recently.

While on my way to lunch at Queen's Club with a member. on a fine morning I walked past court after immaculate court at that excellent club, which is also home of the Interna Tennis Federation. Were those courts crowded with youngsters queuing for the expert instruc-tion which the LTA could provide in a sport demanding a very high degree of skill? Alas, the answer is no. The courts were empty, and I was left wondering not only about the failure of tennis to produce winners, but why in Britain we fail to exploit fully the facilities we do have,

Yours sincerely, PETER COF. l Brecon Road, W6.

Diagonal racket From Mr L. 1. Clarke

Sir, Your tennis correspondent may have fallen for the "blurb" of the manufacturer of the racket used by Sara Gomer, but

their top signings. Chris Dittmar and Del Harris, as part of the celebration. It was the old firm In my youth, in the 1930s, my boss always used a diagonally of Ross Norman, Paul Carter, Simon Parke and Neil Harvey strung racket. It was made by Jacques and Co. of Croydon. that took maximum points from Surrey. Team Alisports, the newly combined Manchester squad.
Parke, the junior world cham-Yours faithfully, pion, was particularly noticeable in closing down Phil Whitlock, a

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Broome and niece are left to fly the flag for Britain

EQUESTRIANISM

should be capable of flying the DAVID Broome begins his Volvo World Cup challenge this flag for Britain. Amsterdam has weekend at the Amsterdam international Show, the second in the series of six pre-Christmas qualifiers, in which he is riding his two on-form horses. Lannegan and Countryman. thirteenth year, involves a total of 10 qualifiers with a final in

Sweden in April. Surprisingly, Broome and his niece, Marie Edgar, are the only British riders competing, Mich-ael Whitaker and Nick Skelton had to withdraw after being selected for the North American tour. John Whitaker and Henderson Milton have been lured to the Vienna International Show, which also takes

place this weekend.

Under World Cup rules.

Amsterdam, having invited broome and Edgar, is obliged to accept only other British riders. who are in the top 10 of the international ranking list. Attempts to substitute the Whitakers and Skelton with riders outside the top 10 were turned down

Sports Abbeydale, but their lead after two fixtures of the new

their extraordinarily cosmopol

itan squad in action on their new home courts at the Welsh

National Sports Centre, the Wizards returned to the top of

the table, thanks only to su-

Cartisle Cannons.

perior countback statistics over

Despite the northern resonance of their new sponsorship

tag, the Cannons squad is still

London-based and this week celebrated the reconstruction of

its permanent all-glass Telecourt

in their impressively refur-bished headquarters under the

arches of Cannon Street station.

Cannons chose not to run out

soned international pro-sional for a single point in

the fourth game to post another

son is a marginal mathematical matter.
With the Australian-English-Welsh-Canadian variation of

On form, Broome and Edgar prix.

been a happy stamping ground for Broome. He won the quali-fier in 1979 on Sportsman and again in 1983 on Phoenix Park, the horse, then called Last Resort, which he has lent to Skelton. Broome has a good chance of

a third win in the qualifier on Sunday afternoon. Lannegan and Countryman jumped su-perbly at Wembley last month when Broome won the Leading Jumper of the Year title on annegan, There is little to choose

between the two horses and Broome, who is 50 in March. will decide tomorrow which horse to jump on Sunday. Miss Edgar, who is 19, competed in her first World Cup competition at Helsiuki last month. Although she collected eight faults on Everest Minka in the qualifier, Miss Edgar, the European young riders' champion, finished as leading rider of the show after winning four classes and taking fourth place on Everest Minka in the grand

she became young riders' cham-pion this summer and junior She said before leaving that she was likely to ride Minka on Sunday "because he goes better indoors and jumps a bigger course". But Sure Thing should prove a useful back-up horse. Miss Edgar will face the toughest opposition she has yet encountered: the Durch, French and Germans are all fielding top teams. The Dutch are led by Jos.
Lansink, who underlined his
form by winning the opening
qualifier at Helsinki on Opticbeurs Libero.

This week, in addition to

Minka, she is riding Everes

Sure Thing, the horse on which

The French are sending their world champion, Eric Navet, together with Pierre Durand, the Olympic champion, Hubert Bourdy and Roger-Yves Bost. The German entry includes two members of the 1988 Olympics gold medal-winning team, Franke Sloothaak and Ludger Beerbaum, together with Otto Becker, the winner of the £90,000 Calgary grand prix in

GYMNASTICS

wave magical wand By COLIN McQUILLAN THE attempt by Leekes Wizards to keep the Pimm's Presignificant marker in his move into senior affairs. At the other end of the history mier League title in Cardiff stayed on course with a resoundscale, Jahangir Khan, the physically troubled world No. 1, fell ing 4-0 win this week over GT

SQUASH RACKETS

Cosmopolitan Wizards

between Levitt Lambs and Stars and Stripes in Ealing. Lambs won the match 3-1 with sterling fightback wins for Bryan Beeson, Paul Gregory and Phil Kenyon, but the point lost to Jansher's 72-minute 9-1, 7-9, 9-4. 9-2 win put the ambitious London club back into third

away in tired but almost content fashion against Jansher Khan, the world champion, in the much-awaited first-string clash

It was surely the most notable league match in the history of the game, putting Jansher 15-13 ahead in their personal international battle since he joined the circuit in March 1987 and perhaps establishing his world

supremacy beyond doubt. Pakistan sources claim tha the complete competitive tally between Jahangir and Jansher now stands at 17-17, and perhaps suitably marks Jahangir's acceptance that, at 27, his decade of almost total domination is finally ended.

RESULTS: Pisse's Premier Squeet Langue: Leekes Wizards 4, GT Superiongs Abbeydale 0: Carliste Cannons 4, Team Alsports 0: Stars and Scripes 1; Levitt Lambs 3: Lync Surbion 2, Mozaic Prory 2; Leegee positions: Leekee 41pts; Cannons 11: Lambs 10; Alsports 5; Priory 4; Surbion 4; Stars and Smines 1: North Weisslam 1; Abbeydale 1.

Musikant out to match

medal placing By PETER AYKROYD

TWO British teams compete today in key championships in Germany and Sweden. At Augs-burg, 15 competitors tackle the sports acrobatics world championships, while at Gothenburg, three rhythmic gymnasts line up in the European championships.

In the acrobatics event. Phi-lippa Musikant hopes to retain. in not improve on, the bronze tumbling medal she won at the last championships. Also hopeful for medals in combination work are the trio of Gaby Hookings, Rachel Alford and Rachel Walklate.

The men's four. Graham Stokes, Mark Hicken, Ian Luke and Richard Taylor, are consid ered the best in their discipline to represent Britain. The event. which incorporates the Euro-pean championships is likely to be dominated by the Soviet Union. Bulgaria and China. However. Britain, ranked among the leading ten, will not be overawed.

At Gothenburg, the team is Alitia Sands, the national champion. Viva Scifert, the No. 2. and Debbie Southwick; aged 14. the national junior cha who may demonstrate her potential in these cham-

potential pionships.

The Soviet Union and Bulgaria will continue their traditional rivalry in both the team events.

Trainglot can make second successful second successful for the problems to land memorable victory following the publication of the memorable victory by Richard Evans second successful by Rich foray to Newmarket

By MANDARIN (MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

winner of the Tote Cesare- champ. witch 12 days ago, is napped the George Stubbs Stakes at able ground. Newmarket today.

the saddle. Trainglot will be beating Crack by 25 lengths at hard to beat, even though today's race is over a distance earlier form did not point to two furlongs shorter than the her being that good. second leg of the autumn

A remarkable aspect of the the third horse, Clifton

The Cesarewitch confirmed that Trainglot had improved his for the taking. Cup over course and distance considerably since finishing In the two divisions of the 12 days ago. Trained by Richconsiderably since finishing only fifth behind Further

For Arzanni, today's race represents a considerable step (3.50). up in distance as all his form has been over 14 or 1½ miles. Not so. Chelsea Girl, who won August prior to finishing a six- trainer. Alex Scott.

TRAINGLOT, the six-length the Prix Gladiateur at Long- bred, since she is by Dancing Brave out of Al Bahathri; classic winners both. True to Unfortunately, Chelsea Girl to make a triumphant return has developed a maddening her pedigree, she has shown to the scene of his most habit of digging her toes in at important success by landing the start and forfeiting valu-Military Fashion, my selection for the Murless Stakes.

Time alone will tell whether suffered a hairline fracture of a With Willie Carson again in High Fountain was flattered in Doncaster on Friday. Her make a full recovery by his earlier form did not point to trainer. Luca Cumani. he

Scales Of Justice is my choice for the Cognac Courvoisier Handicap. John Cesarewitch was the way that Hills's filly accounted for Re-Trainglot and the runner-up, gent Lad at Redcar last time belated seasonal debut. proceedings throughout the Lad has a clear chance of last half mile, Further Flight taking his revenge this time.

On the jumping front at Kempton, the Terrace Handicap Chase may be won by the state of the cap Chase may be won by the cap Chase may be well as the cap Chase may be won by the cap Chase may be well as the cap Chase may preferred since Regent Lad failed to win a race at Doncaster last Friday that looked

EBF Terrace House Maiden and Lee, Damers Cavalry did only fifth behind ruther EBF ferrace riouse matter.

Stakes. our Newmarket nothing but improve last seating the correspondent. George Robinson.

Son. is particularly keen on the sustained.

Stakes. our Newmarket nothing but improve last seater, on the run-in.

Nick Gaselee intends to send the winner to Cheltenham next month for the BMV Final. Shihama (1.45) and Almaaseh

Shihama is the first foal of that good mare, Dubian, by Shadeed and by all accounts over today's trip at York in she has been delighting her

By RICHARD EVANS

THE 1990 medical record of Andrew Adams resembles an injury list from a bospital casualty ward on a bad day but vesterday he overcame months of pain and heartbreak to ride Party Politics to victory in the Lionel Vick Memorial Handi-

cap Chase at Newbury.
The young Upper Lambourn jockey crushed three vertebrae at Kempton two seasons ago but his problems really began in March when he broke his right leg in three places.

Three operations to the leg-cight weeks spent in plaster and a further month of recuperation were followed by an upfill struggle to regain fitness. On his first ride back at Newton Abbot on September 7 he was unseated from Tarn at the fourth fence and suffered a punctured lung and fractures to two ribs.

Adams, aged 25, returned to
the saddle at Hereford on Friday

the saddle at Hereford on Friday where he remained unscathed. The thought of riding Party Politics again has helped to keep. Adams going during the bleak weeks on the sidelines.

The massive six-year-old—he is 18 hands high—is a most promising chaser and yesterday was ridden exquisitely to pass Huntworth, the long-time leader, on the run-in.

could not be more thrilled for Andrew," Gaselee said. "He has worked very hard to get fit and this will give him a big boost. He rode the horse beautifully." Adams. reflecting on his run of injuries, said: "It is not that I

ride bad horses. It is just that I have had some bad luck. There

Adams: rode outstanding race on Party Politics

are people worse off than me, however, and days like this make it all worthwhile." Henrietta Knight continued her outstanding start to the jump season when Johnny Will became her eleventh winner from 19 runners but it was hard to tell who was more surprised by the victory in the EBF Novices Hurdle, the trainer or Lord Chelsea, deputy senior steward of the Jockey Club and the gelding's owner.

"I told the owner I would be very happy if he finished in the first half of the field," said Knight, who bought the horse in Ireland 18 months ago as a prospective chaser.

Topsham Bay jumped particularly well to win the BMW Series Qualifier and will make a quick reappearance at Cheltenham on Saturday week while Babil, the 2-1 on favourite, ran out an easy winner of a below-standard Tom Masson

Piggott has been granted an international jockeys licence by the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club and will have his first-ride an approach in relation to a visitor's licence for Lester Piggott and we have said that we two previous winners. Pegwell Bay, the 1988 winner,

Martin Pipe and Gordon Chase at Sandown on Saturday.

riggott nopes to near from the Societe d'Encouragement today as to whether he has been granted a licence to ride in France. France.

He was seen yesterday at Maisons-Laffitte by Dr Boudere, who requested a blood test and an electro-cardiogram.

LESTER Piggott is likely to ride in the Hong Kong Derby as part

of a month-long stay in the colony next February.

at Happy Valley on February 6.

racing. Philip Johnston, said yesterday: "We have received

would be pleased to have him in February when there are a

number of excellent races on the calendar, including the Derby."

Piggott hopes to hear from the

The RHKIC's director of

Munro 'satisfactory'

Alan Munro's condition was described as "reasonably satisfactory" yesterday by a spokeswoman at Middlesborspokessional at iniquescor-ough General Hospital. Muhro received head injuries after Mystic Crystal, his mount in the Daily Telegraph Racecall Nurs-ery at Redcar on Tucsday, stumbled shortly after the start.

Selections

By Mandarin

1.15 Gordano. 1.45 Outside Edge. 2.15 Squadron. 2.45 Roscoff. 3.15 Another Coral, 3.45 Revaro.

By Michael Seely

KATABATIC was yesterday in stalled 7-1 favourine for the five entries apiece.

Mackeson Gold Cup by Corals: The weights were also published by the first big race of Hennessy Gold Cup at Newbury the National Flunt season at Cheltenham on Saturday week.

The winner of the Grand remains on target for the race despite being handed a difficult task by the handicapper with added handicap chase over 2½.

We've obviously been handicapone right up to our best added handicap chase over 21/2

miles.

Andy Turnell's seven-year form, Kim Bailey, his trainer, old, a promising fourth over said yesterday. But the race has hundles at Stratford ten days always been our aim and all ago, could face opposition from being well he will definitely two previous wigners.

Pegwell Bay, the 1988 winner. Bailey declared himself happy heads the entries with 12 stone with Mr. Frisk's current well-while last year's winner, Joint being and plans to run him in Sovereignty, has 10st 8lb. the Gunpowder Plot Handicap Marrin. Plan 1984 (Carring Plan 1984)

Big race entries and weights

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6-11-2. Jim Thorpe 9-11-1. Ida's Delight
11-14. Star's Delight 8-110-13. Anapous
8-16-12. Cleaver-Folky 10-10-13. Anapous
8-16-12. Cleaver-Folky 10-10-13. Anapous
8-16-13. Cleaver-Folky 10-10-13. Anapous
10-13. Satisface 9-10-13. Envoyet Token
10-10. Sure Medit 7-10-6. Curdey
10-13. Basisface 9-10-13. Envoyet Token
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11. Galbury's Nephew 9-8-9. Wignown
12-9-5. Pinus 9-10-5. Basis 9-10-7. Chalam
13. Last House 7-9-11. Wieston 10-10-0.
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45 CURNY UN ACCESSED 12 Photos 8-11-2 B Centerd (7)
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3. TU-3 CRAFTY COPPER 12 (6) K Barks 6-11-0 Towns
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5. DEVON SPRIT 112:0 D Barrons 8-11-0 B Richards
6. G. GLENGOOLE 223 B Smart 7-11-0 B Process
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D Byrne
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M Bowley

8 825- N/TO THE RED 209 (5) C Trieffine 5-11-0 S Earle 9-P-54 MR NORMY 25 (V.5) A Jones B-11-0 M Bowley 10 (02) PAT'S LESTER 515 (G.S) G Richards 7-11-0 N Dougley 11 -964 POP SONG 5 (S) G Richards 7-11-0 N Googley 12 PPO- ROSTREAMER 204 (G) C Bravery 7-11-0 R Beggam 13 -213 BORGEN JEAN 19 (BF,C.G) J Bukovets 5-10-13 L Shortf

2.45 QUINTON NOVICES CHASE (£3,874: 2m 6f)

the Archie Scott Memorial Almaaseh is even better Gold Cup. Guide to our in-line racecard NEWMARKET

ices' Hurdle.

cannon-bone in the spring.

Given plenty of time to

nearly made up for lost time at

the first attempt at Ascot three

weeks ago when going down

by only half a length to the

useful Halston Prince on his

his opposition includes Kar-

akter Reference, the surprising

winner of the Charisma Gold Cup over course and distance

Cheltenham first time out, can

go from strength to strength by

capturing the Kone Lifts Nov-

At Stratford, Squadron still

looks on a reasonable mark in

Selections

1.15 Perfolia. 1.45 Shihama.

By Mandarin

3.50 Almaasch.

- 2.15 Scales Of Justice. 2.50 TRAINGLOT (nap). 3.20 Military Fashion.
- 2.15 Dashing Senor. 2.50 Chelsea Girl. 3.20 MILITARY FASHION (nap).

1.15 Perfolia.

By Our Newmarket

Correspondent

Draw: no advantage Going: good 1.15 QUEENSBERRY HOUSE MAIDEN STAKES (£3,630: 7f) (9 runners)

- 04364 EATTLE OF FLOWERS 13 (P Prachard) C Wall 3-8-12 N Day 88
 SOLD HARISTI (Al-Deera Bloodstock Holdings Ltd) J Hudson 3-8-12 S Whitworth 55
 FLAMENCO PARK 118 (G Mills) J Wharton 3-8-12 J Williams LEONELLA (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-12 G Duffield G Duffield
- 1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE
- FORM FOCUS BATTLE OF FLOWPlatton at Cattenck (71, good) last time out.

 BOLD HABIETI is by Never So Bold out of a Royal
 Palace mane who won over middle-distances.

 LEONELLA is a Caerteon half-ester to Group winring mer Trojan Fen. PERFOLIA was a promising
 5% of to Balleta-et Newbury (1m 21,-good).

 REINE DE DANSE 9% 5 to to Sarafia at Lingfield (71,
 good) lettest and was serifer \$1 ard to Katea Cabin at
 Rempton (1m, good).
 TAME FOR MISCHEF is a Lyphard half-ester to
 American Grade 1 winner Rescal Lass. WINDMILL
 PROMISE off course serice 8% last of 3 to Vane at
 Hamilton (1m 31, good) in June.

 Selection: PERFOLIA
- 1.45 EBF TERRACE HOUSE MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O fillies: £3,569: 6f) (9 CLOVERBRILL (J. White) H. Candy 3-11...

 10 LA CASSONADE 88 (J. French) M. Usher 8-11...

 OH IMERCY (S. Narchos) H. Cecil 8-11...

 PARKANSE (R. Thomas) D. Wilson 8-11..... 205 (6) REPIQUE (Sheish Mohammed) L Cumani 8-11 G Carter 206 (8) SARABAN (Sheish Annn Dahlawi) G Harwood 8-11 R Cochrane 207 (2) ShihaMa (M Obeida) A Scott 8-11 Pat Eddery 208 (9) SIANEMA (P Goulandrs) D Elsworth 8-11 J Williams 209 (5) 223 WISH OF LUCK 8 (Had A-Tagri H Thomson Jones 8-11 R Hills RTHING: 9-4 Oh Mercy, 3-1 Repique, 4-1 Shihama, 7-1 Sarabah, 8-1 Sianema, 10-1 Wish of Luck, 20-1 Clovermal, 33-1 Parmanbe, La Cassonada. G Carter
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1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE FORM FOCUS CLOVERHILL (foaled May 23, cost 17,000gns) is a Sayl El Arab half-sister to middle-distance handcapper Stratford Ponds.

A CASSONADE was 131 13th of 21 to Fair Pavilsion at Windsor (6f, good). OH MERCY (Feb 8) is by 8e My Guest of a data who won over 1no 11 in France.

REPIQUE (Apr 1, 210,000gns) is a Sharpen Up half-sister to French Group It winner Sarthoob. Her dam.

Repitiblous, won Stewards' Cup. SARABAH (Feb 21, re2, 000gns) is by Bellewing out of a dam who won over 1 no 11 in France.

SANEENA (Apr 29, 50,000gns) is a Porsian Bold retirement to French Group It winner Sarthoob. Her dam.

2.1	JUU	GRACI	COURTOISIER HANDICAP (23,400: 1111) (20 fullifiers)	
30	1 (11)	310362	DASHING SENOR 12 (F,G) (Sheikh A Al Makhoum) A Stewart 3-10-0 M Roberts	96
	2 (17)		PROVACLE POINT 14 (F.G) (A Goodjohn) J Pearce 3-9-7 G Bardwell	94
	3 (19)		L'UOMO CLASSICS 57 (F) (C Pratt) Mrs J Pitman 3-9-5	94
30	(20)	000034	CAROMISH 6 (CLS) (J Pitt) M Usher 3-9-5 MON-RUNNER	
30	5 (3)		CROWN BALADEE 201 (Maktourn Al Maktourn) A Scott 3-9-4 Paul Eddery	84
30	5 (10)		HIGHLY SECURE 12 (Lord Swaythling) J Dunlop 3-9-4	88
30	7 (12)	619990	FOX CHAPEL 2 (D.F.S) (A Budge (Equine) Limited) R Hannon 3-9-4 B Raymond	-95
30	3 (6)	D40300	LITTLE BIG 12 (D,G) (Curley Credit Bookmaking) B Curley 3-9-2 J Curant	97
30	(9)	210541	SCALES OF JUSTICE 23 (F,G) (C Wright) J Hills 4-9-0	94
310	(8)	313030	MEL'S ROSE 35 (F,Q) (R Sabey) G Huffer 5-9-0 L Newton (5)	90
31	(13)	440252	RECENT LAD 6 (D.F.G) IF Tyldesley) Mass L Siddell 6-8-13 W R Swinborn	96
312	? (5)		MANGO MANILA 25 (C.BF.G) (R Del Rosano) C Horgan 5-8-13 S Cauthen	93
	(18)	200052	KIYA 7 (CD,F,G) (Lady McAlome) W Hastings-Bass 4-8-10 Dale Gibson (3)	98
314	(1)	3/22243-	CARRY ON CARY 453 (S) (Mrs L Stubbs) R Stubbs 4-8-9	83
315	(14)	552336	FALCONS DAWN 21 (V,S) (A King) M O Neel 3-8-3 J Fortune	95
316	(2)	030035	GOLDEN BEAU 6 (D,V,F,G,S) (J Mottram) M Naugmon 8-7-13 Jaki Houston (7)	94
317	(7)		SHANNON EXPRESS 26 (BF,F) (FI Hall) P Kelleway 3-7-11	96
	(4)			• 99
	(15)		MISS SARAJANE 7 (CD,F,G,S) (G Smyth) R Hollinshead 6-7-10 E Husband (7)	96
32	(16)	602000	KAWWAS 12 (F) (Whiting Commodities Ltd) W Holden 5-7-8 D McKey	90

KEMPTON PARK

Selections By Mandann

Michael Seely's selection: 2.00 La Cienaga. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 STAGE PLAYER.

1.30 UXBRIDGE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP CHASE (E3,106: 2m 4f) (3

BETTING: 2-1 La Crenaga, 7-2 Minyoun, 5-1 Secret Four, 6-1 City Kid, 8-1 Bark Honey, Cettic Prince, 10-1 Fermoy Bridge, 14-1 Whistle Blower, 20-1 Square One, 33-1 Red Salis, 50-1 others.

1989: TAJROBA 4-10-12 M Ahem (9-1) J Jenkins 12 ran

• Mary Reseley and Peter Niven combined to land a 370-1 four-timer at Sedgefield yesterday with Dalkey Sound (2-1). Snowfire Chap (7-4). Laurse-O Edinburgh in February of last year.

2.0 KONE LIFTS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,570: 2m 4f) (13 runners)

ge Danmon 239 (Anoust L20) MTS E Hearth 4-10-10.

18960 L DROP KLIGATAL 24-1(D Woodward) A Chambarlein 6-10-10.

249- MREVOUN 287 (Arts & Meed) C Brooks 5-10-10.

449- SQUARE ONE 861 (B Sector) T Forster 6-10-10.

459- WHISTLE BLOWER 238 (Arts & Morro-Adems) MSS H Knight

FP. RED SALS 278 (Arts & Smart) MTS F Wateryn 4-10-5.

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1 31/423-1 LA CENAGA 15 (0.F) (Duke of Africing G Badding 6-11-3 2 048-121 SECRET FOUR 8 (0.F.G) (Airs J Sourgis) R Abetures 4-11-3 3 430-CELTIC PRINCE 210 (Airs G Maxwell-Lones) N Twiston-Daives 4-10-10 520-CTT VIO 223 (Fell-mell Permans) J Giffort 5-10-10 520-CTT VIO 224 (Fell-mell Permans) J Giffort 5-10-10 6 16222-FERRIGO 20 (G Hubberd) F Murphy 8-10-10 6 16222-FERRIGO 20 (G Hubberd) F Mur

BETTING: 9-2 Scales of Justice, 11-2 Regent Lad, 6-1 Dasting Senor, 7-1 Master Plan, 8-1 L Uomo Classics, 10-1 Kiya, 12-1 Sharmon Express, 14-1 Mango Mante, 16-1 Falcons Dawn, 20-1 others, 1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

1.30 Biloxi Blues.

Going: good to firm

2.00 La Cienaga. 2.30 General James.

FORM FOCUS DASHING SENOR (Im., good to soft) with GOLDEN BEAU (4th bette? 1/2-12 here (1m., good) with KYA (1th better off) 4/4 is m. KYA *4 is m. K

3.00 Damers Cavalry.

3.30 Stage Player. 4.00 Hintlesham Harry.

___ J Froat # 98 ___ L Henrey #2 ___ A Webb -__

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A Knight (7)

G McCourt

D Murphy

D Gellegher

NON-RURSEER

H Mas H Knight 6-10-10....... @ Upton (3) 73

_ J Waba

McLennan writesi. Nicky Henderson's nine-year-old frac-

down as a result of injuries sustained in a seven races and was placed seven times fall at Newbury on Friday (Phil in 21 National Hunt starts, accumulating total win and place prize-money of £59.716.

	by whichael seety
Guide to our in-line racecard	2.15 APOLLO KING (nap). 2.45 Pat's Jester.
103 (12) 9-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,8F,F,O,5) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0	Going: good
Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-ligare distance winner. SF.— beaten favourite in form (F-felt. P-pulled up. V - unseated rider. Intert race). Going on which horse has won B—brought down. S—stepped up. R—refused. (F - firm. good to firm. hard. G — good. D—disqualfield. Horse's name. Days since last S—soft, good to soft, heavyl. Owner in outing. If jumpe, F if fat. (B—bunkers. Soft, good to soft, heavyl. Owner in V—visor. H—hood. E—Eyestretd. C—course plus any allowance. The Times Private winner. D—distance winner. CD—course and Handscapper's rating.	1.15 NOVEMBER NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,926; 2m) (17 runners) 1 PI SAFE 31 (P. J. Přích-Heyes 4-12-0
2.50 GEORGE STUBBS STAKES (Listed Race: £10,770: 2m) (8 runners) 401 (3) 628142 CHELSEA GIRL 25 (C.D.F.G) (M HIT) M Jarvis 4-8-13	7 BLUSHING POREYE TIE M Manageridge 3-10-7 W Indine 8 CAPTAIN CHRONE 61F K Bridgester 3-10-7 W Indine 9 S DAWN DECISION 22 J Coerpak 3-10-7 Taech (7) 10 FAST OPERATIVE 17F W Turner 3-10-7 R R Goldstein 11 034 OPAL'S TEMSPOT 20 J Bridley 3-10-7 B Powell 12 0 SON OF TERNOSO 45 K Wingrove 3-10-7 J Lodder (3) 13 35 THEY ALL FORGOT ME 8 T Caskey 3-10-7 R Durnhoody 14 P AGE OF ROMANCE 14 J Bradley 3-10-2 D Togg 15 LADY MAGRETTA 25F Miss L Bower 3-10-2 W Bowling 16 MYSTICAL LADY 108F Mess L Bower 3-10-2 P Minen 11-10 Gordano 5-2 Sate 6-1 Jeroza, 10-1 Dawn Decision, 14-1 Double Handfull, 16-1 others.
FORM FOCUS CHELSEA GERL 61 Group III Ciga Prix Gladereur at Longchamp (2n 44, good to soft); previously stayed on well to finish 71 4th to Al Maheb in Group III Doncaster Cup at Doncaster (2m 21, good). PARTING MOMENT 8 8th to North Col in Ciga Prix de Lintece at Longchamp (1m 71, good to soft); previously stayed on the first of the caster (2m 21, good). PARTING MOMENT 8 8th to North Col in Ciga Prix de Lintece at Longchamp (1m 71, good to soft); earlier 81 2nd to River God in listed race at Ascot (2m 45). Selection: ARZANNIII	1.45 BINTON HANDICAP CHASE (£2,862: 3m 2f) (10) 1 Ut/ MAJESTIC BUCK 584 (F.G.S) W Turner 10-12-0. R Beggen 2 5/F- STAR OF SCREEN 285 (D.F.G.S) G Harwood 10-11-13. McPenell 3 04P- CUTSIDE EDGE 245 (D.S) M Pipe 8-11-13 P Scudamore 4 PF1- EVER HOPERUL 236 (F.S) U Beroris 8-11-2 N Mainter (3) 5 321- SOCHER STILL 188 (D.F.S) J Beverde 6-11-2
2.20 MURLESS STAKES (£7,115: 1m 1f) (5 runners) 501 (2) 113-2 MILITARY PASHION 20 (BF.F.G) (Sheekn Mohammad) L Currant 4-8-12 & Cauthern 97 502 (3) 354241 BEAZER 16 (F.G) (J Greethan) W. Janvis 3-8-9. M Tebbutt 81 503 (1) 1-83 BOLD PERFORMER 2 (5) (W Marrion) J Marrion 3-8-8. J Williams 80 504 (4) 4144 KATES CABBN 10 (BF.G) (Shekn Mohammad) G Wragg 3-8-6. G Carter 94 505 (5) 21-2206 KATSINA 13 (C.5) (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-8-3. Pat Eddery 9 93 BETTING: 8-5 Military Fashion, 2-1 Katsina, 8-1 Kates Cabin, 8-1 Benazir, 16-1 Bold Performer. 1989: NO COMPRESPONDING RACE	6 425 TEWTRELL LAD 5 (F) J Bulcovets 7-10-0
FORM FOCUS MILITARY FASHION (Im 21, 2000); previously 11 3rd to Frie Top in similar race at Redicar (1m 21, 2000); previously 11 3rd to Frie Top in similar race at Redicar (1m 21, 2000); geody. SENAZER raiked well to dead-heat with Remittet Nasser at Lescester (1m, firm). BOLD PERFORMER running-on 11 lest of 3 to Mand The Step at Lescester (1m 21, soft). KATES CABIN 8 4th to Prillbarmoria at Nottingham (1m 21, 2000); better effort with Ground in Isseed race at Ascot (1m, 2000); better effort with 31 2nd to Kartajana in Isseed race at Newbury (1m 21, 2000) in May. Selection: KATSINA	2.15 ARCHIE SCOTT MEMORIAL GOLD CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (23,601: 2m 5f) (10) 1 122- AMDROS PRINCE 271 (0,5) Miss H Knght 5-12-0 1 123- AMDROS 25 (V,F.S) M Pipe 7-10-12_ P Scadesippe 3 001- CREAM BY POST 255 (7) P Hoobs 8-10-10 C Manda (5) 4 314- VRIDIAN 195 (F) Mrs A Kng 5-10-6

3.50 EBF TERRACE HOUSE MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O filles: £3,539: 61) (6 4 CHLOES DIAMOND 98 (K Jaffa) C Booth 8-11

NO COMERACKS (D Wison) R Wisams 8-11 R Cochri POSSESSIVE DANCER (Mrs D Swinburn) A Scott 8-11 W R Swinb SHARP MONEY (J Smith) D Eyworth 8-11 S Cauth WINTER PEARL (P Weitel) R Hamon 8-11 W Can BETTING: 13-8 Possessive Dancer, 9-4 Almaasek, 5-1 Winter Pearl, 7-1 Chloes Diamond, 8-1 Sharp 1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS ALMAASEN (foaled Feb 10). Half-eister by Dancing Brave to Hasbah white her dam Al Bahathi won Group I hish 1,000 Guines. CHLOES DIAMCOND nearest at firish 714th to Held In Suspense in Doncaster maiden (6f. firm).

NO COMERACKS (Feb 28). by Last Tycoon, is the first foal of an unraced dam.

Course specialists

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tured a bind leg when falling at the fourth in the Glynwed International Chase and vets were unable to save the that sphere was a close third to Gala's

2.30 STANDARD LIFE NOVICES CHASE (£2,745: 2m) (5 runners)

. R Rowe # 99 Mr J Durken (5)
...... D Morris
...... W McFerland SETTING: 11-10 General James. 7-2 Idleigh's Ruson, 4-1 Clean Through, 7-1 Knockennis, 10-1 Jam 1989: SPACIAL 5-11-0 B Powell (11-4 fav) N Gaselee 12 ran

3.0 TERRACE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,717: Sm) (4 runners) BETTING: 15-8 Karaktor Reference, 9-4 Damers Cavelry, 5-2 Messer Bob, 5-1 Se's At The Gin. 1989: NO CORRESPONDING RACE 3.30 STANDARD LIFE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,862: 3m) (4 runners)

4.0 SPRIG THREE-YEAR-OLD NOVICES HURDLE (E2,360: 2m) (9 numers)

29 BOUNDER ROWE 31 (R Oglas) J Fitch-Heyes 10-10 Date Mickeoine
5 HOTTLESHAM HARRY 19 (Exploits Lift) 6 Pritchard-Gorion 10-10 8 Smith Eccise
0 MONEY LLAD 12 (Miss J Seripin) 5 Dow 10-10 H Dance
PIPERS 191, 78F (P Lancaster) M Channon 10-10 Lores Viscost
SJAMAN 45F (J Loseph) N Telegraphology 10-10 A Wiebby
F282 SIR MCK 19 (8) (G Cooke) N Callegran 10-10 D Marphy
4 ZEPHTR NGSTS 15 (D Woods) A Hide 10-10 5 Weedle LOGICAL LADY 21F (D Tytoon-Wright) R Holder 10-5 ____ MAAR CHAMALI 129F (P Karryon) J Czerpak 10-5 ____ BETTING: 11-4 Sir Nick, 7-2 Histoshom Harry, 9-2 Pipers Hé. 11-2 Sanàwi, 6-1 Logical Lady, 10-1 stder Rowe, Zephyr Nights, 33-1 cehers.

1989: BH KEEFING 3-10-11 P Scutternore (4-1) M Pige 9 ran

Course specialists TRAINERS **JOCKEYS** Per cent 27.3 23.1 17.6 16.8 11.8 10.9 Date McKecent

15. 475 - SELF.AID 304 (F) J Boberts 7-10-9. Nr S & 21. 16 260 - VERITATE 198 AI WARDSON 6-10-9 E31 (F) Fifti-Heyes 4-12-0 Date McKeova

AN'S REEF SF J Bradey 5-11-9 L Device (7)
BILE HANDFOLL 8 J Roberts 4-11-4 Lorest Vincent

RICE 489F R Dictor 4-11-4 M Jones (5)
TOMMO SO (D.F) R Holder 3-11-8 M Jones (5)
SHING POPEYE 16F M Muggertige 3-10-7 W Invited

TAIN CHROME 51F K Bridgester 3-10-7 W Kempherys 2-1 Pare Jester, 3-1 Roscott, 5-1 Tug Of Gold, 8-1 Boreen Jean, 10-1 Cratty Copper, 12-1 Set Ald, 14-1 others. 3.15 OSLO TROPHY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,745: 1 -23F-, ANOTHER CORAL 233 (D.F.G.S) D. McHolson 7-12-0 P Turbrood
2 -532 WiTH GOOS HELP 17 (8.8F CD.F.G) C Brooks 6-12-0
P Scudenos 3 -123 BROAD SEAM 14 (CD.F.G.S) P Hoobs 10-11-6 C Maude (5) 4 FEC. MOE GREENE 233 (D.F.G.S) J McConnoctne 10-11-2 N HANDICAP CHASE (£2,862: 3m 2f) 6-4 Another Coral, 7-2 Broad Beam, 9-2 With Gods Help. 8-Sohali, 10-1 Butlers Pet, 14-1 Bee Garden, 18-1 others. ESTIC BUCK 564 (F.G.S) W Turner 10-12-0. R Beggan R OF SCREEN 285 (D.F.G.S) G Harwood 10-11-13 3.45 PATHLOW NOVICES' HURDLE (£1,954: 2m) P Soudamon P Soudamon R HOPERUL 236 (F.S) U Barons 8-11-2

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1 31 ARSANTA SANA 58 (D.F) A Berrow 4-10-12 S Earle
2 BLAIGNEYS GIFT 129F B Smart 4-10-12 B Powel
3 BD DANCING SPY 193 Mrs A Heavit-5-10-12 S Corosi
4 ELOFANABIT SF L Berrett 4-10-12 A Carcol
5 EXCELSIS SIF: J Jeridon 4-10-12 M Aberri (3)
6 GICKNING PHASE 222 J Bokovets 5-10-12 J Secrit
7 B KLLESION 35 K Barks 4-10-12 M Lynch
9 313 MILDANIN 199F (5) C Broad 4-10-12 M Lynch
9 313 MILDANIN 199F (5) C Broad 4-10-12 D Tegg
10 MY SPARICING RING 31F M Uster 4-10-12
S Harris (7) PATH IN THE GLEN T Tells 5-10-12 9-4. Salamander Joe, 9-2 Revero, 6-1 Rise Over, 8-1 Altranta Sane, 10-1 Excelsis, 12-1 others.

Course specialists -TRANSPS: G Richards, 7 winners from 20 runners, 36.0%; C Brooks; 6 from 19, 31.6%; J Edwards, 16 from 58, 27.8%; M Proc. 19 from 88, 22.1%; D Barons, 5 from 27_18.5%; P Hobbs, 4 from 24, 16.7%. 10 /24- PETTY BRIDGE 363 A James 6-10-0 ... E Tiemey (7)
5-2 Apolio King, 3-1 Squadron, 5-1 Vindian, 6-1 Right Step.
8-1 Andros Prince, 10-1 Algaristisme, 12-1 others.

Whitepireys A Tory, 4 winners from 7 rides, 57.1%; N Doughty, 4 from 8, 50.0%; Date McKeown, 6 from 20, 40.0%; G Bradley, 3 from 8, 37.5%; J Shortt, 5 from 22, 22.7%; J Osborne, 4 from 18, 22.2%.

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Results from yesterday's four meetings

Newbury

Going: good to firm (chase course); good (hardes) (nurties)

1.0 (2m 100/o hole) 1, JCHNNY WELL
(M Bostey, 11-1); 2. Sebald River (B
Powell, 5-1 fav); 3, Voctor Fizz (F Rowe,
11-1), ALSO RAN: 6, Strong Beau (ref to
race), 7 Tiop Martner (8th), 10 Draw Poter,
Alini-Massier, Supreme Rock, 12 Lotifices
(5th), Massingham (pu), Saxon Wood,
Why Ever Not, 14 Among Frienda (4th),
Nespoti-The-Grass, Cooks Lawn, Gray's
Elergy, 20 Bowl Of Cets, Romeny
Monarch (pu), Sax Of Chance, Woodhouse, 33 Chalchoov, Helmar, Sea Vale,
Wedding Feast, 24 ran, 21, 154, 254, 2, hd.
Miss H Knight at Wantage, Tota: 227,00,
29.70, 21.50, 23.40, DF: 214.50, CSF:
278.62.

279.62.

1.30 (3m ch) 1, PARTY POLITICS (A Adems, 8-1; 2, Bigeau (R Duracoody, 5-2 fay; 3, Huntworth (Air A Weiter, 3-1). ALSO RAN-190-30 Royal Ceder (4th), 7-2 Baies (pd, 5 ran. NR: Mick's Sier. City Entertainer. 154, 11, 12l. N Geasites at Upper Lambourn. Tote: 28.90, 29.90, 21.70. DF: 28.90. CSF: 22.54.

2.0 (3m ch) 1, TOPSHAM BAY (H Davies, 4-5 fay; 2, The Hillion (J. Outione, 7-4; 3, Tamberty Dawn (A Weith, 5-1), 3 ran. 20, 44. D Berone at Kingsaridge. Tote: £1.70. DF: £1.90. CSF: £2.58.

2.30 (2m 41 20)4 fatal 1, BABIL (P 2.10. OF: 21.50. CSF: 22.38.
2.30 (2m 41 120yd hulis) 1, BABB, (P Soudamiors, 1-2 tayl; 2, Little-Nipper (R Durwoody, 16-1); 3, Able Leeder (R Rowe, 15-2), ALSO RAN: 5 Richard's Hist (Pu), 14 Spring Rag (50h, 86 hydrarch (8th, Richards Pet (4th), 7 san, 10; 30; 44, 20; 3. N Twistor-Device at Chellscham, Tota: 21.50; 21.20, 22.30. DF: 24.00. CSF: 25.20.

Total F1.50; E1.20, E2.30. LP: E4.00. CSP: 26.20.

2.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, THAR-AN-BHARR (R Curwoody, 3-1; 2, Espy (P Scuternore, 4-7 text, 3, Claure Mountain (H Davies, 4-1), 3 ren. 1%I, sh hd. J Upson et Towcester, Total E2.90, DF: E1.50. CSF: £4.89, After a stawards' enquiry, result stood.

3.30 (2m 100yd.hds) 1, BOOKCASE (P Holey, 5-2; 2, Crazy Rherr (M Filman, 9-2; 3, Hugh (J Osborns, 14-1), ALBO RAM: 6-4 tax Arbor Vitne (Set), 12 Prager Wheel (Set), 16 OK Records, 20 Wallistrano, Sword Bridge, 33 DI Moda, Hero's Cry, Northern Vitage (4th), Red Ram (ps), Seedine Petacs, Spider Western, 14 ren. 8, 1, 1, 1, 2, 25, D Seworth at Whisphury, Total E3.10, 21.40, 21.50, 23.70, DF: 25.50, CSP, E1.40, Piacapot: 2402-10. Jackpot: Not won, C3,533.80 carried forward to Newmentest today.

Yarmouth Going good

1.45 (8) 1. ROCTON NORTH (W R. Sonburn, 11-2; 2. Resubit: (J O'Dwyer, 50-1); 3. Crystal Heights (J Williams, 7-1).
ALSO RAN: 9-4 law Barest, 6 Sone (Sm), 17-2 Pims Classic (4m), 12 Benns, 16 Prone Hower (6h), Weekday Gross, 20 Run For Nick, 23 Chiefs Behn, fron Red, Kattis Choice, 50 Sharmpion A Arab, Straight No Classic, Waypost, Look Kew. 17 ran. 134, 34, 134, 34, 135, R Hannon at Marboroush, Total 6-23 (6. m)

Marborough. Tota: £4.70; £3.10, no dividend disclared, £3.70. DF; £320.20. CSF; £220.34. CSF: E228.34.

SF: E228.34.

Newton, 5-21-2, Kanie Jo (R Cochrona, 2-1 fevt; 3. Ann Anous (W Ryan, 6-1), ALSO RAM: 9 Gomeriou, 12 Unnified, 14 Suo Paulo (489, Bell: Taryel, 16 Denoting Breeze, 25 Heand Petroed (591), Monte, 33 Culat Actioneur, Windelaum, 50 Seri Cirico (691), Fond Riss. Coymenia, Hadishim. Choca, 16 ran. 8, 34, 151, 2-3, 6 Hadishim. Choca, 16 ran. 8, 34, 151, 2-3, 6 Hadishim. 12-20. DF: 25.70 CSF: 58.04.

2.45 (1m. 31 17) of 1, SLEPERROSE /R. 12.40. UP: 23.70. GSF: 28.04.

2.45 (im 3f 110pd) 1, SLEPPEROSE (A. Clark, 11-12. 2, Every One A. Gum, (R. Cochrane, 7-1)); 3, Mericer 1881, (W. R. Swettern, S-1 bar); 4, Retherbane Mense (M. Roberte: 10-1); ALSO RAN: 5 Briefy Rie, 13-2 Sterrywore, 12 Balacani, Santower Seed (Stift), 10-fan Flote (Stift); 14 Printal Bay, Mysonakos, 20 Steretmenethic.

apot: E31.40. Sedgefield -

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Kings Aldermany S. Clos du Bois, Acqua Noir, 33 So Long Boys, Derechel, Brave Cusetion, Dertington Hall. 19 ran. API: Lawhill, M. Xi, Sh Ind. XI; M. J. Hills at Lambours. Tolar £13.00; £2.00, £1.50, £1.50, £2.00; £1.50, £1.50, £2.00; £1.50, £1.50, £2.00; £1.50, £1.50, £2.00; £1.50, £1.50 ng: good to soft 24.31. 21.90. 12.40. OF ENG.20. CSP. 258.03.
4.15 (7) 1. LA BARRA-(W Hood, 5:1); 2. La Bete Vie (G Carter, 8-7); 3. Royal Acciale (Ron Halls, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 tay A Little Practous; 15-2 Zinbag (8b). Bay Mountain, 9 Sharp Threes, 12 Helanes, 14 Sociarn, Las Annis (Still, Kear Meidody, Saboteur, 18 Dodgy, Espainne Lady, Little Arriber, 20 Youthan Bid, 50, Auralia Cyclona, Chemplen Gid, Lady Primmose, 20 Yan. S. et hd, 21, 34, 251. G Printrand-Gordon at Hermanicat, Toke: 28.20; 22.00, 22.50, 23.30, 23.90. UP: 214.661. CSP. 252.82, Tripast; 2462.22. 2.0 (2m 4 (ch) 1, Delhuy Bonnd (P Niven, 2-1 hav); 2, Barl Trade (5-2); 3, Clerus Own (5-1), 7 ran. NR: Olsins Castle, 151, 2%1, Mrs G Reveley, Tota 251.00; 21,70, 52,40. DF: \$4.70. CSF: £7.45. Tricast: £22,45. DF: 24.70. CSF: £7.45. Tricast: £22.45.
2.30 (3m 21 180yd ch) 1. Smorthe Chap
(P Niser, 7-4 tan); 2. Castelwarino (6-1); 3.
Fish Ousy (7-1). T2 ran, 6l. M. Mrs. G.
Reveley, Toiz: £3.40; £3.60, £2.50, £1.70.
DF: £6.40. CSF: £13.92. Tricast: £80.19.
3.0 (2m 4 ch) 1. Laserie- D (P Niser, 4-1);
2. Monton Warrior (7-1): 3. Micland
Express (Evens fav). 16 ran, M. 181. Mrs. G.
Reveley, Toia: £6.40; £1.70, £1.70, £1.70.
DF: £15.60. CSF: £32.92.
3.30 (2m hole) 7. Laver Barby (P Niven,
3-1): 2. Hot Particoner (12-1); 2. Tras
Amigos (5-1). Sendmoor Jacquerd 7-4 fav.
15 ran, 20f., 124. Mrs. G. Reveley, Toia:
£14.80; £3.00, £3.50, £1.50. DF: £82.50.
Placepot: £28.50.

pet 257.30. Edinburgh Piecepot: £28.20. Brian : McDonnell - has been

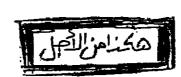
Going: Soft 1, SET THE STANDARDS (1 Caroll, 74 ji-fav); 2, Senoy Forever (1) Nicholes, 7-4 ji-fav); 3, Colony Ann (Deen Nicksown, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Lists Atura (List), 18 Ashley Weld (En), 25 lasg-delen, 33 Warne's Secret (501), Granistop Princess: 8 fan. Nic Odeltessenfiel, 3, 2%, 1, 151, 21, 101, J Senoy-at Coclestram. Toks: 2280; C1-40, 21-30, 21-10, DF: 23-20, CSF: 15-23, 145-53; 1, DOVESGATE (1) Feming, 25-11; 2 South Caroly (F) P Elicit, 11-2: 3, Sans Frais (T Welsans, 8-1), ALSO RAN: 7-2 law Mass Aragon, 9-2 Goody Four Stoes (Girl, 7 Elebanne (Sin, 9 Able Mac, 14 Calendar (Mb); Harpist 20 Beach Black, Kaymont, 11 sen, W. 3t, Al, 3%, int. N Caleghan at Newmanter, Tota: 223-50; 23-90, 21-20, 21-20, DF: 240.10, CSF: 144.62 appointed as a member of the Horserace Totalisator board for two years. McDonnell has been chief executive of the Tote since Campain a reventment. 10th: 220.01; 53.90, 21.90, 21.20. DF. 240.10. CSF: 5144.62.

2.15 (Im. 73) 1. PASSED PAWN. (T. Williams. 11-4 tayl: 2. Degenous (S. Vincot). 14-13. Touch The Clouds (A. Mackay, 16-1). ALSO RAN. 3. Asharyind (40). 5. Albert, B. Elevier, Lights., 10 Powersongs. 11. Beam Boy (60), 14. Dails Park (50), 5. an. NR: Glazenha, 24. 2. 3%, 5. ah. bd. 47. Tompistos. at. Newmenthat. Toice. 24.00. CSF. 22.50. 52.70. DF. 218.50. CSF. 234.54. Tripass: 284.78.

2.65 (77) 1. MISTRESS MONET. (N. Cossorion. 5-2. 5st). 2. Heacle (60m. Triples. 20-1). 3. Sey. You will (Deam Mackagown. 20-1). ALSO RAN. 7-2 Blue Mischief (80), 9-2 Master Offine Hotsee (471), 12 Rose of High Legit, First Bleesed. 41. Fairfaild: Legit. 15- Discover Good. Crecewing. 33- Sharile's Wingly, 50. Victory Torch, Marching Star (50), Sacceina. 14-ran. 15%, 2. 2. 3, 4, 4. M. Cathacho at. Mallou, Toir: 12.66. 22.00, 25.30, 25.90. DF. 218.10. CSF. 26.88. After a storugad's enquiry, the result stood. Nichidi. 3.15 (7), 15.000 from (N. Darige, Fi-1). 2. Sween Welt (A. Culture, 12-17-41.50 Rave 5-4 Conson Gloud (4th). 5-Dastery Style (8th). 7 Strabigh: https://dx.10.1007-15.1008.

RACELINE RESULTS 0898-168-168 XEMPTON PARK STRAIRCED TEMESTORM EACH SET 122 SHUTON SERVICOUT 252 ALL GREEN HOURAND RESSETS

1981 and his appointment is part of the restructuring of the board announced earlier this month. The appointment was made by the Home Secretary. David Waddington. Blinkered first time There are no horses wearing blokers for the first time today,



BOXING

Bicknell's successful inter- such form. national debut has handed the England selectors a problem match of the tour.

The Surrey fast bowler, aged 21. looked the obvious choice to make way for Devon captured three wickets during the narrow defeat against the and Mark Waugh to that Western Australia Invitation

The England management Bicknell another opportunity to show his worth when they take on Western Australia in

The match will give the best indication yet of England's chances of regaining the Ashes this winter, and Bicknell has already shown that he intends to fight for a place in every

Malcolm is sure to play in Penh, as will David Gower, Mike Atherton, John Morris and, presumably, Phil Tufnell - all of whom missed the

PERTH (Agencies) - Martin Bicknell as well while he is in send down a bad ball,

The uncapped pace bowler almost engineered a remarkon the eve of the first four-day able victory for England under the Perth floodlights by dismissing Geoff Marsh, Mark McPhee and Tom Moody in the space of 15 balls. Malcolm tomorrow until he And, with a little luck, he would have added Dean Jones

Darren Lehmann, aged 20, The England management a highly promising left-may now consider giving hander eventually swung the game away from England by even so, the margin of defeat was just three wickets with nine balls to spare,

impressive collection.

"I didn't get very much sleep after the match," Bicknell said. "I was still

play, but he settled down splendidly and swung the ball considerably during his first

Bicknell said. "It's always nice to play with good players around you and my only aim is to do well for England."

Bicknell also displayed just the right level of aggression, refusing to be out-stared or out-talked by Jones. The Australian Test batsman was keen to win an early psychological battle with England's new recruit, but found him competent opposition in that department, too. Western Australia, mean-

while, are expected to be at full making a polished fifty but, strength tomorrow, which means another chance for England's batsmen to face Australia's possible Test opening pair of Terry Alderman and Bruce Reid,

Reid bowled better than wound up because it was the anyone yesterday during a tenbiggest occasion of my car- over spell which cost only 15 runs. If the left-armer can stay fit he must be in line for a Test return next month after being plagued by serious back problems since early 1989.

Younis batters N Zealand into a series submission

From Qamar Ahmed in Faisalabad

AS EXPECTED, Pakistan completed a clean sweep of the three-match series against New Zealand by winning the third and final Test match at Iqual Stadium by 65 runs.

New Zealand, resuming the final day's play at 31 for four, and still requiring 212 runs to win, were bowled out for 177, shortly before tea. Their tormentor, once again,

was Wagar Younis, who took five for 54 to finish with match figures of 12 for 130 to earn the man of the match award. His tally of 29 wickets also carned him a share of the man of the series award with Shoaib Mohammad, who made 507 runs, the highest by any Pakistani in a series against New Zealand.

Younis was one short of equalling the highest number of wickets in a series, taken by

Pakistan batting and fielding

New Zealand lost two vital wickets in the first session, Crowe and Rutherford, adding 72 runs before lunch. Crowe was caught at the wicket off Younis

within half an hour and Ruther-ford. flashing outside the off stump, met with a similar fate. Grant Bradburn was then dropped by the wicketkeeper. Yousuf, off Jaffer, when on eight, offering New Zealand a temporary respite. He and Patel put on 84 for the seventh wicket and brought New Zealand within 95 of the target.

Patel, given out caught at the wicket, looked unhappy with the decision. And with his exit, the innings folded. Younis wrapped up the last three wickets.

Crowe, the man of the series

for New Zealand, would not comment on umpiring, but said: We have been beaten by a better side. The bowling of Younis and Akram was a great experience. We have learnt a second Test: Pakistan won by nine

New Zealand are scheduled to play the first of three one-day

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-25, 3-28, 4 31, 5-45, 6-64, 7-148, 8-171, 9-171. BOWLING: Younis 24-9-54-5; Jatler 18-4 51-2; Aagib 17-1-57-3. Man of the match: Wagar Younis. Umpires: Salim Bader and Ather Za

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Warwickshire Substitution gimmick

By CHRIS MOORE

BOB Cottam, the former England fast bowler, surprised Warwickshire by resigning as the Midland county's manager Cottam blamed his departure

manager

steps down

on an unsatisfactory working relationship with the club's

He denied that his decision to quit was influenced by an uneasy association with Andy Lloyd, the Warwickshire captain. But he admitted that a private conversation with Lloyd last season, when he suggested that the former England opener should have been "man enough" to have stood down from the team because of poor form, had "driven a wedge" between the two of them.

"The thing about Andy Lloyd that frustrated me is that he has not worked hard enough at his game to get it right." Cottain said. "But I am not leaving this club because of him." Bob Evans, the Warwickshire

chairman, said it was a very sad day for the county, but declined to comment further Cortam said he had twice

failed to gain the backing of the the cricket committee, when he had sought to sign Tom Moody. Zimbabwean all-rounder.

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yet to face its real test

OVERSEAS REVIEW by SIMON WILDE

their first appearance at the weekend, in the opening round of the Nissan Shield, the attempts of the South African follow the lead of the English Cricket Union (Sacu) to in-authorities by appointing a troduce an extra dimension to the game has yet to receive its — In their next match, against

For all the talk of creating new tactical opportunities, the purpose of this latest gimmick is to revitalise attendances at Shield matches. The Shield is South Africa's most reputable limitedovers event, but in recent years and Hedges Trophy, a day-night

Sacu estimates that, this season, the Benson and Hedges Trophy will draw crowds of 350,000 and yield 2.5 million rand, which would make it probably the most successful domestic one-day competition in the world. Only if the public shows a similar enthusiasm for the forthcoming rounds of the Nissan Shield, when the leading sides will face each other for the first time, will the experiment first time, will the experiment with substitutes be considered a

Transvaal have taken an early lead in the Currie Cup, South Africa's national championship. but not without controversy. Their win over Northern Trans-vaal on a "result pitch" at

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ALTHOUGH substitutes made. Johannesburg has aroused the their first appearance at the ire of all rival teams. Kepler

Orange Free State, Transvaal – despite a century from Jimmy Cook – were denied a second Bloemfontein. In the end, a hostile spell on the final after-noon by Alian Donald, the Warwickshire fast bowler, left Transvaal as the side nearer to

Transvaal's chief stumbling block was a long innings by Louis Wilkinson, aged 23, who scored 163 despite a knee injury Wilkinson, who had never made a first-class century before this season, had earlier struck 167 against Western Province, Lawrence Seeff, the Western Prov-ince captain, has been fined 450 rand by Sacu for the language he Wilkinson was twice given not

The Currie Cup, incidentally, is a tournament held between teams of 11 men, wearing white clothing, using a red ball, and played in daylight. It is the sort of cricket that is not watched by many people but, in more ways than one, it has no substitute.

FOOTBALL

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Liverpool v Derby (7.0); Manchester City v Rotherham (6.45); North Forest v Sunderland (7.0); Sheffield Utd v Leeds. Second division; Bradford v Hull.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Milwell v Crystal Palace (2.0). PREMIER INTER-LEAGUE CUP: First

OTHER SPORT

BADNINTON: England v Denmark

(Pode).
TENNIS: Prudential national

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 07.00-09.00 and 23.00-01.00: College matches, BSB 17.00-18.00: National Football League review.

REAL TENNIS

Sim takes full advantage of familiar court

THE British professionals.
Derek Sim and Mike Edwards,
played superbly to defeat the
Australians. John Main and
Tim Heughin, in a first-round
doubles match the Australians doubles match at the Australian Open championships in Ballarat (Sally Jones writes),

Sim who, like Edwards, works at the club, took full advantage of his familiarity with the court and made almost no errors. and made almost no errors. RESULTS: (Austrelia unless otherwise stated): Deutees: First reand: D Sm (GB) and M Edwards (GB) bt J Main and T Heughn, 2-6, 6-2, 4-6, 8-3, 6-3; L Deuchar and C Ronaldson (GB) bt B McFarlane and H Mursell. 6-0, 6-0; B Faull and D Goldsmith bt J Abraham and D Walface. 2-6, 6-0, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2: A Mickelburough and M Devine (GB) bt W Spring and N Twarts, 6-0, 8-1, 6-2.

BOXING: Screensport 14.00-15.30: From The Forum, BSB 20.00-22.00 and 01.00-03.00.

EUROSPORT NEWS: Eurosport 18.30-19.00 and 01.00-01.30 (tomorrow).

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GOLF: Eurosport 10.00-11.00: High-lights of the Volvo Masters from Spain, Screensport 16.00-18.00: US PGA: Highlights of the Nablect champion-ships, BSB 00.30-01.00 (tomorrow); US PGA highlights.

ICE SKATING: Eurosport 09.00-10.00: Figure skating highlights from the United States.

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

lights from Los Angeles.

midnight: Racing news. RUGBY LEAGUE 888 14.00-16.00: Tour match: Highlights of Warrington V SNOOKER: Screensport 10.00-12.00: World championship highlights.

SPORTSDESK: BSB 13.25, 18.00 19.30, 22.00 and midnight. TENNIS: Eurosport 11.00-18.00, 19.00-21.30 and 23.00-midnight:

Highlights of Formula 3000 from Domington Park, the Veronica Beach races, International team rallycost and and European truck racing from Lydden Hill. BSB 19.00-19.30 and

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> other man on the Continent, Hall seems certainly good enough to have a chance of one day winning that title again. The key, as so often with the talented player from Essex, was

currie Cup matches, before independence, went down by 70 points to Northern Transvaal.

Their full-back. Stoop was brilliant against Lancashire and generally the backs handled with great flair and precision, but if they had been faced with six of the Orrell rock rules Declarated. brought a penalty near the posts, which they chose to run for Ashurst to score and Langford MANUSIA (v England B): A Stoop: G Manu (capt), J Deysel, G Vermeulen, B Swartz: M Offvler, B Buttendag: C Derks, S Smith, M Grobler, W Mantz, S Losper, A van dur Merwe, A Skinner, T Oosthuizen. the Orrell pack, plus Dooley and Gallagher, the result would al-

RUGBY UNION

unchanged side

to face England B

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT. and MICHAEL STEVENSON NAMIBIA have named the superb match and his powerful

bursts several times embar-rassed Namibia.

rassed Namidia.

A brilliant try by Stoop, following a long, floating pass by Deysel, was the result of scaring acceleration and a jagged side-

step. Grobler then ran well to set

up a try for the pacy Mans, who beat three men in the dead-ball

area to make Olivier's second conversion a formality. Langford and Olivier exchanged

penalties to make it (5-3 at the interval.

Ferocious pressure brought the crucial try early in the second half, when the No. 8. Oosthuizen, fed his scrum half,

Buitendag, who scored. Namibia faltered a little thereafter,

midia lattered a little thereafter, though Stoop fashioned a try for Swartz, sandwiched between second and third penalties for Lancashire by Langford.

Lancashire dominated the closing stages territorially, and were rewarded when pressure

earnest endeavour among both

sides. He suspects this univer-sity vintage will be all right without becoming spectacular.

more than anything either university could manage. "We

showed our youth and inexperi-ence as a side up there. "If you are experienced you

can come back on that sort of day and make a contest of it. But

our young side found itself shut out of the match completely so I

think it will take Northampton two or three years to develop as

a strong first division club."
Interestingly, Shelford, who
hopes to see his compatriots
take on France in at least one of

the internationals this month, was coy about the possibility of returning to Northampton for a second year. "At this stage that is my secret," he said.

depth is

By MICHAEL STEVENSON

BOTH Leeds University and

Durham University were miss-

ing several key players in their UAU match at Weetwood, but

Durham ran out convincing

winners by three goals and three

penalties to three goals and three penalties to three penalties.
It is a tribute to Durham's general standard that they could field such a formidable team with seven first-choice players

Sibson, their tall lineout man.

was outstanding and guaranteed them a regular flow of quality possession. Their only fault was

tendency to take the tackle in

the centre rather than keep the

ball alive. Leeds led shortly after the

start. Greenstade kicking a pen-alty, but Durham were soon

over for Le Camp to convert.
Immediately, Sibson caught
the kick-off, fed Webster and Le

Camp linked for Neil-Dwyer to

create space for Mitchell with a

half-break. His try was con-verted by Le Camp, who added

a penalty shortly after. Greenslade reduced the defi-

cit with two further penalties but

the writing was on the wall-for Leeds and Le Camp added his

beauty. initially involving fennell, Lewis-Lloyd and Kel-

ter. The ball was then possed along the line for Beattie to score. Le Camp converted from

vide out and also added a late

pcnalty.

SCORERS: Leade University: Penalty goals: Greenwische (3), Durham University: Tries: Henderson. Mitchell. Beattle Commendate: Le Camp (3), Penalty goals: Le Camp (3).

Le Camp (3).

LEEDS UNIVERSITY: T Bates: T Ford, C George, A Barlow, J Gruitshank: J Greenslade, A Bagahawi, N Sibley, N Wilshison, C Michaels, & Topoing, P Twight, D Edwards (rep: R Dunleit), A Atkinson, C Chendier.

DURHAM UNIVERSITY: M Darden-Smith: C Henderson, D Neil-Dwygr, N Beathe, P Mitchell, P Le Camp, A Wester: B Fennell, G Lewis-Lloyd, J Prissiley, A Kane, D Stoson, D Bioley, N Keller, M Savage.

age. eres: A Hockney (Yorkelike).

second penalty — the reward for continuous Durham pressure. Durham's final try was a final try

Leeds University ...

Durham University...

most certainly have been reversed. As it was Cleary had a Cambridge power

same XV which beat Lancashire on Tuesday night for their game

with England B at Leicester tomorrow. Clearly they have taken the practical decision of running their senior XV at the

earliest opportunity, so that the players can adjust to local conditions before meeting

England.

The match under the Liverpool St Helens floodlights on Tuesday ended in a 23-15 victory for the touring team by two goals, two tries and a penalty to a goal and three penalties. Lancashire, considering the number of players unavailable for various reasons, did well to avoid a landslide.

To place emergent Namibia

To place emergent Namibia in world rugby, they were beaten by Wales recently by only three points but, in one of their later Currie Cup matches, before

may be decisive

Old Boys Durham's

the points key factor

CAMBRIDGE University's superior forward cohesion and power hold the key to the University match next month, according to Wayne Shelford.
The assessment by the former New Zealand cantain came after

"However, both teams are as keen and enthusiastic as you would expect, so I think it will be a fair old battle at Twickenham."

Sitting in the stand at Orrell last weekend, as Northampton received a 60-0 mauling, wounded Shelford a great deal more than anything either he had led Northampton to victory over Oxford University at Iffley Road on Tuesday night. Shelford had also appeared, albeit as substitute, against Cambridge ten days earlier and he believes Cambridge will win

at Twickenham.
"I think they will be too fast
and strong for Oxford among
the forwards. In both their front row and at lock they look the better side at this stage. They are also fitter than Oxford."
Shelford admired the adven-

ture demonstrated by the Cam-bridge backs against Northampton. "They ran every-thing they received and tried to keep the ball alive all the time.
Oxford's backs are quick and
their centres look quite useful.
But they did not get very much

pile up

By GORDON ALLAN

Comb London OB 70

THE Combined London Old

tries, nine of them converted by

Pugh.
Looking every inch a scratch

side, the medical students hardly ever saw the ball, and

when they did they usually spilled it. CLOB, with Jacquet

active in the lose, played positive rugby, and the points flowed.

Perry, a centre making his debut for CLOB, touched down

the first try from a break by Batten. Ashworth went clean

through for the second, and the pattern was set. Park (twice),

Jenner and Morgan made it 34-0 by the interval, Jenner pulling a thigh muscle in the act of

scoring Jim Smith and Neil Smith scored in pushovers Jim Smith

got another, and Perry, inter-cepting on the halfway line, raced away from the defence.

Sturgeon. Ashworth — whose own kick ahead bounced nicely for him — and Park completed

the try-scoring.

Ever ready to spread their wings, CLOB have accepted an invitation to visit Canada next May as part of the Edmonton.

United Hospitals.

(Everpool) bt A Arment (Med, rac 2nd md. Welter (10 rounds): C Esperia (Ven) bt L Moze (Mes), rac 7th md. Middle rounds): N Magpe (Bellast) bt J Melfah

welterweight, stopped Luis Mora, from Mexico, in the seventh round of a scheduled

10-round contest. Mora had

as España, rated No. 6 in the World Boxing Association rankings, carved out bis 21st win in as many outings and his 19th inside the distance.

little to offer except raw cou

HOCKEY

The force behind the shield: Evander Holyfield displays the International Boxing

Storey not in Cook's class

By GEORGE ACE

punches and it was only on rare occasions that he caused Cook

crowd saw anyone hit with an

uppercut as often as Storey was on Tuesday night. It was a punch that did all the damage and it was a punch that finally

knocked Storey cold in the tenth round after he had taken an

eight count. The referee did not

even bother to start a count the second time Storey went down.

his first knockout and only his

second defeat in 18 contests. Crisanto España, a Venezue-lan boxing out of Belfast, and

It is a long time since a Belfast

was not the best of Storey. There future world champion at was not the usual snap in his welterweight, stopped Luis

BARNEY Eastwood flew out of shock," Eastwood said, "This whom Eastwood rates as

Federation championship belt, which he won by knocking out James "Buster Douglas in the heavyweight title bout last week, in New York on Tuesday

Oxford teamwork pays out

fender, was on the sidelines after

talking out of turn. Salter had given Oxford the lead by

converting their sixth short corner in the 32nd minute.

Fine combination by the Ox-

ford forwards enabled them to

hold the initiative in the second

half, and their lead was in-creased in the fiftieth minute

when Grimes ran a considerable distance with the ball and passed to Markham to score.

After Oxford had squandered

a number of chances. Maiden-head hit back in the 62nd

minute when Pearce ran

By Sydney Friskin

Belfast around noon yesterday

to be in the corner of Paul

Hodkinson, the British and European featherweight cham-pion who put his Euro title on

the line at Wembley last night.

On Tuesday night in Belfast he was in Sam Storey's corner during his middleweight title defence against James Cook, from Peckham. Storey, attempt-

ing to become the third Ulster-man to win a Lonsdale Belt outright—the others are Freddie

Gilroy and Hugh Russell - was knocked out in the tenth round.

step up in class but the result still came as something of a

"I knew Storey was taking a

in somewhat pensive mood.

Oxford University Maidenhead.

better teamwork than they have shown for many a season when they defeated Maidenhead in the Pizza Express London League at the North Oxford Sports Centre yesterday.

Smooth running and clever interpassing enabled Oxford to dominate for long spells, but poor shooting ruined so much of their helicited.

their brilliant approach work. Maidenhead were frequently rescued from disaster by their

goalkeeper. Williams, and were almost on their knees when they started a late revival which provided the match with a closer finish than at one time eemed likely.

However, it all happened

strongly down the right and set up a chance for Carr, which he

Five minutes before the end. Maidenhead spelt danger from their only short corner of the match. But Oxford's fears were

GUANGZHOU — Stephen learned to treeze people out the way Steve Davis does. But my once had something of a hex over the world champion, meet in the semi-finals of the £200,000 555 Asian Open here tomorrow. But neither can take son before losing 6-1 in their learn floral learners to the control of the semi-final learners to the semi-final learne heart from their quarter-final wins yesterday (Steve Acteson writes).

Mark Bennett, ranked 34th. lost 5-3 to Hendry but at least made a game of it. Hendry flowed in the second frame with a sparkling 110 clearance but thereafter the standard declined. Hendry said: "I allowed myself to be drawn into a scrappy potting match and I haven't yet

Haffett seemed to have surrendered when he missed the final yellow. Dodd, however, missed the vital brown, Missed (Eng.) 5-4; S Handry (Scot) bt M Bennat (Walas) 5-3.

Boys, who won this fixture 57-0 last season, passed that total with the greatest of ease on the successfully repelled. Guy's Hospital ground at Honor Oak Park yesterday, scoring 13

In the final few minutes. Williams saved well from Neal to deny Oxford a more comfortable victory. It was their third

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: "J Nicholis (Charterhouse and Worcestar); R Selter (King Edward VI, Southempton, and St Edmund Hall). D Riley (Bacop and Ravienstale GS and Oriel); "R Long (Bablake and Magdalen). "J Evens (Maicrostone GS and Oriel), D Pterf (Cape Town University and Keble), A Misson (Queensland University and Balliof); "D Neaf (Warwick School and St Edmund Hall). "M Meredith (Ratcliffe College and Pentroke), R Marchesa (Vong Edward VI, Southampton, and Mansfield), "A Gristes (Warwick School and Jesus, ceptain) "J Raiph (Aylesbury GS and Brasenose). MAIDENHEAD: P Williams; A Sutherland M Herley-King, P Buggins, A Robertson N Sykes, R Cawthorpe (captam), M Can C Pearce, J Rathe, P Widman.

Umplres: D Wareham (Southern Counties), D Lamb (Southern Counties).

SNOOKER

Hallett survives scare for a crack at Hendry

Against Hallett, it will have to. The world No. 7 beat Hendry three times in succession before losing 6-1 in their last meeting 14 months ago. But Hallett was himself fortunate yesterday to beat Les Dodd, ranked 45th, who recovered from 4-1 down to force a deciding ainth frame.

Hallett seemed to have

Alberta, Centenary celebrations, Scorees. Combined London Old Boyes Tries: Perry (2), Ashworth (2), Park (3), Jenner, Morgan, J. Smith (2), N. Smith, Sturghon. Conversions: Pugh (3), UNITED HOSPITALES. R. Howell (King's): C. Gozzard (London), M. Windle (London), A. Carroll (London), A. Bosos (St. Navy's): D. Evans (St. Thomse's), C. Wright, (St. Mary's): G. Teolaiddee (Cay's), A. Jones-Evans (King's), S. Corry (London), I Devies (London), J. Hendley (Royal Free). A. Edwards (St. Barthotornew's), F. Moore (London), P. Nerris (King's).
COMESPICED LONGON OLD BOYS: P. Rahworth (Aleynbans): A. Burgeon (London), W. Bettler (Guidfordans), M. Perry (Welcourtians), J. Berner (Juddians, Pugh (Edwardians), J. Jenner (Juddians, Pugh (Edwardians), J. Berner (Juddians, Pugh (Edwardians), J. Berner (Juddians, Pugh), P. Stimpson (Bluss), J. Smith (Macountians), J. Smith (Malcourtians), J. Smith (Walcourtians), N. Moorgen (Aleynbans), N. Smith (Walcourtians), N. Medians (Aleynbans), N. Medians (Aleynbans),

BADMINTON

Hall makes sure the third time DARREN Hall's victory over Having twice in the previous margin this time was 3-1 (following the 4-0 defeat at

let an advantage slip again.

the Danish open champion, Poul-Erik Hoyer, at Milton Keynes on Tuesday, was probably the most encouraging men's singles results England has had since Steve Baddeley became European champion six months ago (Richard Eaton

in the second game and Hall dug in. "I thought, get your head down and don't rush." Hall said, if this new-found con-On the evidence of his 15-10, 15-9 win over Hoyer, who had been playing better than any fidence starts to match the improved fitness he has gencrated in recent weeks, no player will be safe against him. Despite this win, England, as

expected, nevertheless went 2-0 down in the four-match series against Denmark, the European team champions. The losing

four days worked his way into winning positions only to lose Presion on Monday) with Peter Bush, in only his third inter-national, finding the European them he was determined not to junior champion. Thomas Stuer-Lauridsen, too hard to contain with his steeply angled Hoyer came from 6-12 to 9-12 snatches, losing 15-9, 15-10.

The men's doubles, which have been the biggest problem of all for England for a long time now, resulted in two defeats.

RESULTS: Dermark 3. England 1 (England names first: D. Hall for P. Hoyer-Larsen, 15-10, 15-9; P. Bosh lost to T Sue-Lardsen, 9-15, 10-15: N. Porising and D. Wright lost to T-Lard end J. Helst-Christensen, 15-7, 15-40; Hall and Wright tost to Holst-Christensen and Suer-Laurindsen, 11-15, 16-6, 75-8.

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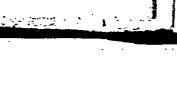
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next Wednesday, when Orient

expect a crowd of more than

Southampton progressed to the fourth round by becoming

the first team to beat Ipswich

Middlesbrough destroyed Norwich City's hopes with a 2-

0 victory at Ayresome Park.

Both goals - from Paul Kerr

and John Hendrie, the latter

with a spectacular strike from

30 yards - came in the first balf.

satisfying for Trevor Putney, the Middlesbrough midfield player, who was making his first appearance since break-ing a leg against Aston Villa

In the second division,

Notts County were held 2-2 at

home by struggling Charlton

Athletic, Robert Lee and Gor-

don Watson scored Charlton's

goals, with Kevin Bartlett's

effort and a Stuart Balmer

eight months ago.

The result was espcially

A brilliant solo goal from Gascoigne and a header from Paul Stewart were sufficient to defeat the third division visuals and had the termerand Rodney Wallace supply-

Bates brushes off fatigue to end the Hunter challenge

not because of nerves or overcaution.

He dropped the first set on a double-fault and lost an early break in the final set with two more. On each occasion, he pressed too hard on the second serve — a linle too confident perhaps after winning a £5 bet with his coach, Derek Bone, for hitting an upturned ball tube three times in a row in service practice.

Sapsford thought that, with experience, Maciagan would-sacrifice pace for accuracy in a

the vital break to 42 in the final set. "It was a complete fluke,"

Sapsford, who was pleased and just a fraction lucky to reach the third round, said. fatigue over the last six days and only received the all-clear to play yesterday morning. But he showed no sign of lethargy beating Uffi Nganga, another of during a 6-4, 6-4 victory over the first crop of LTA school-boys, in straight sets. Nganga. There were no alarms either for Andrew Castle and Nick brown, though the latter needed before the match and was feeling eight match rough the first of the first crop of LTA school-boys, in straight sets. Nganga. one of six seeds to depart during the day, was not feeling well before the match and was feeling even worse after it.

Brown, though the latter needed before the march and was teening eight match points to finish off even worse after it.

Paul Ranson — one of a host of Richard Whichello, a former limits players who appear at junior champion and the original bad boy of British teanis, for the rest of the year.

The most promising display ing with Bjorn Borg for two of the day came from Miles weeks, and had his best van of the day came from Miles weeks, and had his best van of the year over Mark Petchey, the just turoed 16, was beaten 7-5. No. 4 seed.

Clare Wood, the defending women's champion, went 3-0 down in the final set but won the next six games to beat Jackie Holden, and Sean Cole also had

of his own making.

He arrived back from Africa
at the weekend. His kit bags did
not and he had to borrow
rackets and a pair of shoes
which were too small. Despite
the difficulties, he beat Simon
lekringili in straight sets.

MEN'S SINGLES: Second round: S
Botheld Reseau by D. Anh (Devon), 8-2, 6-4;
A Castle (Somerset) by A Morgan (Nots),
6-1, 6-0; D Sépsioré: (Burrey) by M
Mactegem (E Societano, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3; P
Hand (Berks) by L. Davies (Stropathre), 64, 6-3; N Brown (Chealkie) by P Ranson
(Yorls), 6-2, 7-8; D Cotters (Essez) by C
Williams (Hants and low), 7-5, 6-3; G
Engleman (Médicaeu) by A Sproute
(Lancs), 7-6, 6-1; J Bettes (Surrey) by S
Ictoringil (Yorls), 6-1, 7-5; N Adams
(Essec) by U Ngarga (Norloik), 6-3, 6-3, A
Rouse (Essex) by J Terper (Avon), 5-4, 6-7,
6-1.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: Third round: B Borneo (Bada) bt 5-4: Siddell (Dorsen, 6-2, 6-2; J Satmon: (Sussex) bt A Brown Nortchil, 6-3, 6-3; S Gomer (Devon) bt A Gruntett (Lancs), 3-6, 6-4, 6-1; S Loosemore (S.Nales) bt T Cattln (Cambe), 6-1, 0-6, 6-2; C Wood (Sussex) bt J Holden (Yorks), 6-1, 6-7, 6-3;

Becker overcomes a shaky opening

yesterday at the Paris Open tournament.

Edberg, the world No. 1 and leading seed, defeated Andrei Cherkasov, of the Soviet Union, 6-2, 6-3. Becker, chasing Edberg in the No. 2 spot, best Richey Reneberg, of the United States, for the fourth time in five weeks, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2. But it was the first time he had dropped a set.

Becker dropped a set. Becker dropped the opening set after a double fault and a sloppy backhand in the ninth game gave Reneberg the service break. But Becker then turned up his same a notch and finished the match off in an

hour and 58 minutes. He won five of the last six games.

Edberg needed only an hour to dispose of Cherkasov. Before sparse crowd in the opening match of the afternoon, the Swede was always in control.
"I asked to play in the afternoon," Edberg said.
"Sometimes it's better to play

early and have the rest of the day Edberg confirmed yesterday • The former Swansea forward that he will play in the \$6 million (about £3 million) Bryan Wade, has been offered a contract by Brighton after im-pressing the manager, Barry Lloyd, during a month's trial. Grand Slam Cup event in Munich from December 11.

Edberg, one of several leading players to voice misgivings about the competition, said: "I have decided to play. It's a lot of money — we're all aware of that — but two million dollars will be

PARIS (AP) - Stefan Edberg have both said they will not and Boris Becker began their compete in the event claiming march towards another show- that the prize money is excessive. The pair say the tour-nament was deliberately set up by the International Tennis Federation in opposition to the

new ATP tour.
Two seeded players, more used to clay courts rather than the fast indoor surfaces, were beaten in Paris. Guillaume Raoux, a French

qualifier, ranked 134th in the world, downed Guillermo Perez-Roidan, of Argentina, the thirteenth seed, in straight sets, while Jim Courier, of the United States, crushed Juan Aguilera, of Spain, the sixteenth seed.

There was another upset later

in the day when Sergi Bruguera, of Spain, eliminated the No. 5 uador, in three sers, Ivan Lendl the United States, in straight

Sets.

RESULTS: Second mand: J Svensson
(Swa) bit T: Champion (Fr), 8-2, 6-2; E
Sanchez (Sp) bit P McEnroe (US), 6-4, 7-6;
G Ivanisevic (Yug) bit M Gustatsson (Swe),
6-2, 6-4; P Sampass (US) bit C-U Steeb
(Ger), 7-6, 3-6, 7-8; M Rossen (Switz) bit M
Chang (US), 7-6, 6-4; S Edberg (Swe) bit A
Charlescov (USSR), 6-2, 6-3; G Pacus. (Fr)
bit G Pertz-Roiden (Arg.), 7-5, 6-4; J
Counter (US) bit J Agliera (Sp), 6-1, 6-2, 8
8-dcter (Ger) bit R Renoberg (US), 4-6, 6-3,
6-2; J Churier (US) bit J Aguilera (Sp), 6-1,
8-2; B Gälbert (US) bit A Manadori (Ier), 6-3,
7-6; G Forget (Fr) bit R Agenor (Hart), 7-6,
6-2; G Forget (Fr) bit R Agenor (Hart), 7-6,
6-2; G Bruguera (Sp) bit A Gomez (Ec), 7-6,
4-6, 6-1; I Lendi (Cz) bit K Curren (US), 6-3,
6-4,

• MUNICH: Carl-Uwe Steeb will be out for the rest of the season after an operation here ploughed back into the game.
That is reassuring."

Becker and Mats Wilander

On Tuesday on torn tendons in his right ankle, during his loss to Pete Sampras in the Paris Open.

Overseas trips could nurture fresh talent

to venues as far apart as Florida

Details of the biggest overseas programme ever undertaken by British athletics were released overseas matches is an England

Norman said: "Sometimes we

By Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent JEREMY Bates overcame his training had prepared him for

mystery ailment and the chall-enge of Jeffrey Hunter in the legs by Sapsford which brought second round of the British the vital break to 4-2 in the final national championships, spon-sored by Prudential.

Bates has been suffering from fatigue over the last six days and only received the all-clear to

4-6, 6-3 by Danny Sapsford in the first of two matches between LTA schoolboys old and new, But, refreshingly, he lost because he was too aggressive not because of nerves or

similar situation. Maclagan had other ideas. "I can't do that because my whole game would go down," he explained. Solidly built, Maclagan gives the ball a real thump off both

sides and seems to be dying to get his studies out of the way so he can get out onto the circuit early next summer. He is also full of self-belief, the legacy of an upbringing in Zimbabwe. Unfortunately, none of his

his team's practice session. He affirmed on Tuesday that he would not resign, despite the Spanish first division club's decline in form this season Wimbledon Date set for FA hearing over Atkinson opts to

RON Atkinson has decided to commit himself to a new con-tract with Sheffield Wednesday. He is to sign a two-year deal as manager with the Hillsborough club which will begin at the end of his present agreement, which runs out at the end of this

Real test of nerves: John Toshack, the Real Madrid coach, ponders the future after

Harkes, who has scored five goals in six reserve team matches, is included in the first team squad for tonight's Rumbelows Cup tie at home to may find himself getting an opportunity as an attacking until the end of the season". defender." Atkinson said.

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Laccashire 15, Nambia XV 23 (at Liverpool St. Heland): Bressh Columbia President's XV 3, Future All Blacks 25 (at Burnaby).

CLUB MATCH: Newport 43, Barberiers

Abortano S, Newbridge 21.
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Unded Hospitals 0, Combined London Cits Boys 70 (et Honor Calit; Cumbre 8 29, Durham 8 3.
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Med under-18 competition Second const-Reading 9, Wellington, Berla 35, 18-grape Eastern Counties 14, Kent 22, 16-group: Stafforshire 6, Cambria 2, Eastern Counties 4, Kent 19, WIDER-18 CHAMPIORISHIP-Blannau Gwist 30, Cumbran 0; Llanelli 20, Caredigior 17; Llechert 9, Pontyprid 18, Pembroka 3, Carell' 28.

SQUASH RACKETS

RITER-COUNTY WOMEN'S LEAGUE: First children Yarkshire 5, Derbyshire 0.

ASP WORLD TOUR: Rentunge: 1, T Curren (US), 14,030; 2, D Hardman (Aust.), 13,574; 3, G Elearton (Aust.), 13,256; 4, D Mecaulay (Aust.), 12,846; 5, 8 Lynch (Aust.), 12,838.

mass brawl at Old Trafford stay on at club World Cup finals in Italy last

reports).

rule of Comm

Atkinson, tipped as a possible successor to Colin Harvey at Everton, said: "I want to see the job through here. The first

Aston Villa have sold their allocation of 1,600 tickets for anocarbin Uefa cup second round second-leg tie with Inter Milan next Wednesday. Steve Stride, the Villa secretary, urged fans without tickets not to make the trip to Italy. "We don't want any more fans to travel," he said.

priority is getting back into the first division but this club is big enough to win a trophy and get into European football."

Meanwhile, Wednesday yes-terday completed the loan sign-ing of the United States World Cup midfield player, John Harkes, Harkes, aged 23, will play for Wednesday for the rest of the season on loan from the US Soccer Federation.

"He has a tremendous attitude to the game, a high level of fitness, good technique and he is ambitious. Plus he has got enough of — shall we say — the English orientation, so in many ways it hasn't been terribly difficult for him to settle in

England."
Harkes has won 37 caps for the United States and played in all three group games in the

Saravakos litted a free-kick over recovery from a knee injury for a wall of Maltese players and the second-round, second-leg beyond the reach of Cini, the European Cup match against may find himself getting an opportunity as an attacking with the end of the season." Swindon. "Wide on the right from November 12 but would from November 12 but would on the right from November 12 but would on the right from November 12 but would name opportunity as an attacking until the end of the season."

victory was rarely in doubt, as the Greeks constantly kept the pressure on the Maltese with their high-speed game. in 58 appearances for his country. Borbokis added the final After frequent attacks, the Greeks scored after 37 minutes with a shot from outside the area by Nikos Tsiantakis. Vassilis Karapialis, the midfield player, made it 2-0 three min-

planning requirement on the land is for housing and it will be

housing that is developed there. A full consultation process will In the second half Malta wasted their only scoring opportunity when Scerri shot be undertaken before any final decision is made."

"All I have to do is relax the little lady, and if she drives anywhere near as far as she usually does, I'll only have a

Daily Telegraph from 1961 to 1979, will be held at noon on Thursday, November 15 at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street,

TENNIS: Pete Sampras and

Zina Garrison, of the United States, will be top seeds in the Hopman Cup doubles tennis competition from December 27.

terday's first round of the Euro-pean team championship at La

Scot takes his partner

for mixed greensomes

From Patricia Davies in Valencia

ONCE upon a time a big West — by hitting 15 balls on the Country Scot achieved the incredible: he beat Jack Nicklaus, the 1975 Masters and US PGA champion, twice in one day in the Ryder Cup. Today, in the Benson and Hedges Trophy at El Bosque here. Brian Barnes, that twice-conquering hero of 15 title lady, and if she drives anywhere near as far as she

be noweld consider the impos-ble: he will be playing golf with woman.

In golfing terms, Laura Da-ies. Barnes's partner in this nixed greensomes event is not nixed greensomes event is not

any woman. She is a former
British and US women's Open
champion and the force that
launched a thousand drives into

the wide blue yonder beyond the ken of most men.

Barnes rated their chances of victory as "very good, indeed". He also indicated that he was taking things seriously — the first pair share £30,500, after all there on in to the hole.

SPORT IN BRIEF

utes later, with another strong

Cup, fit to face Glasgow Rangers next week, officials said yes-terday (Reuter reports).

ATHENS (AP) — Greece beat Malta 4-0 in their European championship group six qualifying match here yesterday. The wide with only Papadopoulos, the Greek goalkeeper, to beat. Two minutes later Dimitris was on the way to making a full Saravakos lifted a free-kick over

That decision simplifies life

for Tony Adams, the Arsenal captain, and Neil Webb, his opposite number, who both hope to be involved in England's European championship

tie in Dublin on the Wednesday.

fined £20,000 and Norwich City £50,000 after a similar incident

Last season Arsenal were

TABLE TENNIS

Wade, 27, scored three goals on his first appearance for the reserves and has now been given a chance to stay for the rest of

tife season. He began his league career with Swindon and was

given a free transfer by Swansea

● Dinamo Zagreb soccer club

are changing their name to Croatia Zagreb, the club presi-

dent said yesterday (Reuter

"Dinamo is an anachronistic, Bolshevik name," Zdenko Mahmet said, "As the Bolshevik

system has been liquidated here, we have decided to change the

name. The Yugoslav republic of Croatia, of which Zagreb is the capital, held its first free elections last April, ending the

Mahmet said the team, eliminated from the Uefa Cup in the first round by Atalanta, of Italy,

Walker thrust into the front row at Cardiff

SCOTLAND will look to Euan Walker to continue his improved form when they open their account in the second division of the European league in Cardiff on Saturday.

The young East Kilbride player, a member of the Great Britain Olympic training squad, recently beat John Broe, a full Scottish international.

He also more the Middende proved form when they open

nah, who is serving an 18-month suspension, Walker and Broe face a tough Saturday with matches against Norway, Wales and Denmark.

He also won the Midlands open tournament in Dundee on Sunday. In the absence of the Scottish champion, David Han-

ATHLETICS

TEAMS of Britons will be sent

and the Ukraine next summer as part of a programme to develop

promotions officer. Along with attractive domestic fixtures against the Soviet Union, Germany and the United States, he opportunity to sample interbelieves it amounts to the best annual package he has ever this programme will rectify this.

trip to Moscow to face a Russian Republic ream in August. English areas have also been invited to take teams to Soviet the next generation of inner-national competitors. A sum of £250,000 is being made republics later that mouth. Brit-telublics later that mouth. Brit-telublics later that mouth brit-telublics later that mouth. ish junior talent will be boned by trips to Florida and Los Angeles in July.

SHOW REVIEW NUMBER

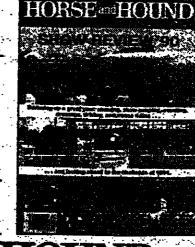
We put the 1990 showing season under critical review, including dressage, driving, show jumping, Mark Phillips on the end of the horse trials year, with many vividly evocative colour photographs.

 National Hunt jockey Richard Dunwoody resumes his winter racing diary

 New BSJA chairman Michael Bates talks about his plans Marcy Drummond on long distance

 Robert Oliver on showing up-to-date news and comment with full

Each week Horse and Hound brings you colour pictures from the equestrian scene.



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claimed the goals which pro-vided United with a rare win. by a distance, and the fact that they did not was down to Everton, who had Dave some profligate finishing from own goal ensuring the points were shared. Watson sent off for a so-called lan Wright and John Salako in Andy Jones, a former particular. Frank Clark, the Chariton forward, celebrated Leyton Orient manager, said: "Our penalty box was like the his recent transfer to Bournemouth by scoring the only goal in the night's third division Alamo at times." Steve Meanwhile, Paul Gas- Coppell's team could well rue

new ground THE way has been cleared for ARSENAL and Manchester United face the possibility of the deduction of League points, along with heavy fines, when they appear before a Football Wimbledon to step up their search for a new ground following an agreement between the club and the local authority under which Plough Lane can be sold for housing development. The London Borough of Mer-ton has lifted a covenant on the ground — Wimbledon's home

The five-man commission will investigate the disrepute charges laid before both clubs in the wake of the brawl in the first-division match at Old Trafford

FOOTBALL

Arsenal meet with

cup success on

Manchester return

TEN days after leaving Old sper, took time out from his atmosphere of Brisbane Road

pressing list of social engage-

ments to resume his promis-

Hart Lane to a dazzling vir-

through Gavin Oliver. As the

second half unravelled Tot-

tenham sat back, Gary Lineker was replaced by Paul

Walsh, and a disgruntled

Terry Venables declined to

Crystal Palace and Leyton Orleas must replay their third-

goalkeeper, in fine form, the third division side offered a

surprisingly resilient defen-

sive dam in the shape of a sweeper system, and even

scared their high-flying - and

hitherto unbeaten - hosts by

But Palace should have won

striking a post.

speak to the press.

Bradford City.

Tuesday night to become the ing football career, and treated first team to win at Maine a crowd of 24,351 at White

best start to a season since round tie after a goalless 90 minutes at Selhurst Park. reply for City. With Paul Heald, the visiting

Trafford in disgrace, Arsenal

returned to Manchester on

Their 2-1 victory against

Manchester City in a Rumbe-

lows Cup third-round tie took the Londoners' minds - temporarily at least - off the disciplinary hearing at the Football Association on Monday week, when they will learn

of their punishment for the

mass brawl in the League

match at Manchester United. Arsenal took the lead through Perry Groves, who was included at David Ro-

castle's expense, before Tony Adams extended it to further

enhance the Highbury club's

Everton's decline continued at Bramali Lane, where they

were dispatched from the

competition 2-1 by struggling

Sheffield United - a result

which prompted the dismissal

of Colin Harvey, the Everton

manager, yesterday. Carl Bradshaw and Brian Deane

professional foul, scored cour-

tesy of John Pemberton, the

United right back, who put

search for

for the past 42 years. The covenant stipulated that Plough

Lane should be used either as a football ground or for recreational or sporting facilities. But the club has agreed to pay the council £800,000 to have it

The Taylor Report into ground safety, Wimbledon's low attendances, the poor state of

Plough Lane and the difficulty

in getting to the ground have all prompted the club's decision to move — but no new site has yet

"This is a big step in the right direction," Sam Hammam, the

"We are now looking to the

decisions and take some prac-

tical steps to ensure that the joint desire of having a major

stadium in the borough be-comes a reality."

Geoffrey Smith, the Merton Council leader, stressed the importance of keeping Wimble-

years ago, attempts what many men would consider the impos-

sible: he will be playing golf with

mixed greensomes event, is not

Fisa looks

for culprits

A SPECIAL committee is being

set up by the International Motor Sport Federation (Fisa)

to investigate the incidents that marred this year's Formula One

world championship. It will have the fullest of powers to find

out who was responsible and the

issue of licences for next year's

championship will depend on

Ayrton Senna won this year's

title after a crash with his only rival, Alain Prost, in the penul-

timate event in Japan, put both drivers out of the race. Prost

needed to win.
MEMORIAL SERVICE: A

memorial service for Kingsley Wright, sports editor of the

He said: "The underlying

don in the borough.

been earmarked.

reply for City.

Road this season.

Association disciplinary com-mission on Monday week.

been ordered to attend the FA's clubs wish to bring players along headquarters at Lancaster Gate they can. But we are not on November 12, along with Peter Hill-Wood, the Arsenal chairman, Ken Frar, the FA spokesman said yesterday. Highbury secretary, and Martin Edwards and Ken Merrett, their counterparts at Old Trafford. counterparts at Old Trafford.
Keith Hackett, the referee, who booked Anders Limpar and Nigel Winterburn, of Arsenal, after the incident involving 21 players which delayed play for two minutes in the second half, will attend along with his lines-

the unprecedented step of fining
George Graham, their manager,
and five players a fortnight's
wages, while Alex Ferguson,
who is in charge of United, has
fined three of his players.
Graham and Ferguson have

Hatend along with his linesman and any witnesses the clubs
wish to call.

Video evidence will be admissible and the FA has studied its
tape of events. Both teams will
have a right of appeal. "If the

By LOUISE TAYLOR

at Highbury. Subsequently the FA warned all League clubs that it would consider docking Maltese sunk by Saravakos

goalkeeper, to make it 3-0. It was Saravakos's eighteenth goal

goal a minute from time. • BELGRADE: Red Star Belgrade are planning to ignore warnings from the Yugoslavian national team doctor and deward who played in the World

● BUDAPEST: Cyprus were swamped 4-2 by Hungary in

their European championship group three match here match

yesterday (Reuter reports). They conceded a goal, scored by Lorincz, in the first minute, and their rough tactics conceded a penalty in each half, which were converted by Kiprich. The win took Hungary to the top of the

FOR THE RECORD

ICE HOCKEY

HATICHAL LEAGUE (NHL): St Louis Blues 5. Detroit Red Wings 2: Los Angeles Kings 4. New York Istanders 1. Pittsburgh Penguins 6. Pittsburgh Regues 2: Toronso Magile Lesis 5. Hanascan North Blurt 4: Catigary Plemes 8. Hew Jersey Devis 3: Washington Capitais 2. Vancouver Cassules 1. MOTOR RALLYING

REAL TENNIS

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONESIS: First di-vision: Snoffeld 16, Brackerd 36, Second division: Saliord 38, Trettord 12, Hanslet 16, Lado 24, St. ALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: First division:

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES: Nortolk 143, Lincoln-shire 108; Sublex 112, Essen 117,

IVORY COAST RALLY (after two stages): 1. P Taustac (Fr), Mispubsith Galant, Sir 36mm time penalty: 2. R Stati (Austrie), Aud 90 Oustro, 428: 3. A One8e (Fr), Renaut 6 GT Turbo, 5:12: 4. A Ambrosino (Fr), Nessan March Turbo, 5:37: 5. P Servent (Fr), Toyota Conda 168. 8:27.

GOLF

TUESDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS

RUMBELOWS LEAGUE CUP: Third round: Crystal Palace 0, Leyton Criant 0; tpewich Town 0, Southernston 2; Manchester Cry 1, Arsens 2; Middlestrough 2, Norwich City 0; Sheffled Union 2; Everton 1; Tottenham Hotsput 2, Bradford 1. Emilio Sánchez and Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, of Spain, the holders, will be the second CYCLING: The 1992 Tour de MARCLAYS LEAGUE: Second distains: France will start from either San otis County 2, Chariton 2. Third Shriston: purnamouth 1, Transtare 9, B and Q SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Second division: Alion 1, Cowdenbeam 2 Bosch, The Netherlands, the g and w SCOTTEM LEAGUE: Second division: Alora 1. Condenbasen 2. SCOTTEM CENTENARY CUP: Semi-tinate: Ayr 2. Clyce 0. Kimarnock 0. Dundee 2. SOB LORD TROPHY: First round, second leg: Chebraham 4. Tethord 2 (sec. 4-1 step 50 min; Taiford win 6-7 on agg). organisers said in Paris. GOLF: Brian Waites and David Screeton shot matching scores of two-under-par 70 to put England in second place, four shots behind France, after yes-

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CUP WithNERS' CUP. Macc.
Second round, second leg: Labdes Latti (Fig)
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2 Leeds (S 1, B statist (S 1, Gáton 2,
Sherborne 3, Kingpercod 0.

FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round replaye: Aleinchem 3. Macclessed 0; Kenering 1, Challestord 2: Meethyr Tydlii 2; Dover 0; Stafford 2, Marine 1; Tamworth 3, Burean 2 (ed).

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Everton dismiss Harvey in the wake of defeat

However, with Atkinson

signing a new two-year con-

and Coppell an instrumental figure in Palace's recent

renaissance, Everton's pro-visional shortlist of candidates

who are deemed to be suitable

ning side of 1970, is known to

enjoy a measure of support

among the club's directors,

and he is certain to be

interested in a return to his

native city, even though his

loyalty to the second division

leaders was emphasised last

After making more than 380

He returned to Goodison

Park two years later, as youth

team coach, and went on to

season when he declined an

Machin at Maine Road.

Close ties with the club

a hip injury.

COLIN Harvey, aged 45, was ionship medal in 1970.

and he won a League champ- win the Charity Shield.

may be halved.

ball's first managerial casualty an appointment soon. of the season yesterday when Everton dismissed him. The remaining eight months of Harvey's contract was cancelled with immediate effect after the Everton board of directors had met in emergency session to discuss the Steve Coppell, of Crystal Palclub's disappointing start to

The decision to end Harvey's 27-year association with the Merseyside club was taken tract only vesterday lunchtime within hours of Tuesday night's 2-1 Rumbelows Cup third-round defeat by Sheffield United at Bramall Lanc. Everton are seventeenth in the first division, having won only one of their ten League

Tuesday's result, allied to Everton's plight in the League, was sufficient to prompt Philip Carter, the club chairman, to part company with Harvey, who was appointed manager in June 1987 after Howard Kendall, now in charge of Manchester City, had resigned to take up the post of coach with Athletic Bilbao, the Spanish first di-

Although Jimmy Gabriel, Everton's first-team coach. Ground is a popular figure has been placed in charge on a caretaker basis. Everton are Everton hierarchy who believe searching for a successor to that a tough disciplinarian is

born in Liverpool and his

Milan in the San Siro Stadium

He developed into an

outstanding midfield player,

although his success at club

level was never fully reflected

cap. against Malta in 1971.

He was in the side that

in the international arena, for he won just one full England Harvey's

(Ian Ross writes).

COLIN Harvey became foot- Harvey and hope to announce required to undergin the club's obvious talent.

Although the post is to be Harvey's dismissal was anadvertised, it is clear that nounced in a club statement. Everton would be hoping for It read: "Philip Carter, chair-man, thanked Colin Harvey an early response from one of four managers, namely Arthur for his contribution over 14 Cox, of Derby County, Joe Royle, of Oldham Athletic, years but stated that the team's recent performances were unacceptable." ace, and Ron Atkinson, of Sheffield Wednesday.

Ironically, yesterday morning, before being told of his board's decision, Harvey had insisted that he would not resign. He also appeared to point an accusing finger at several of his players in the wake of Tuesday's embarrassing defeat by the first division's bottom team.

"Why should I walk away? I Royle, who played along-side Harvey in Everton's League championship-winam not the type of person to give in. I am still very deter-mined and want to get on with the job in hand," he said. "Because of the circumstances, the match at Sheffield United was important to everyone at this club, but I did not feel that it hurt certain people when we lost. No manager can tolerate that."

Despite inheriting a side invitation to succeed Mel that had won the League Cox, who is rumoured to be championship the previous season. Harvey failed in his unsettled at the Baseball attempt to maintain Everton's with those members of the position as England's premier club side, and he was powerless to prevent the gradual disintegration of a squad that had been patiently assembled his long-time friend,

In attempting to restore association with Everton senior appearances for began in 1963 when, aged 18. Everton, he was transferred to he made his senior debut in a Sheffield Wednesday in 1974, and sold freely. During his 40 European Cup tie against Inter but his career was cut short by months in charge he spent £10 million on 14 new players, while recouping £6.4 million by allowing 15 to leave Goodison Park

become Eventon's ninth full-In recent months Harvey time manager in 48 years in had found himself embroiled in a series of disagreements Harvey's only success as a with several senior players, manager was on August I, notably Neville Southall, the 1987, when Everton defeated Welsh international goaldefeated Sheffield Wednesday Coventry City, the FA Cup keeper, who has repeatedly 3-2 in the 1966 FA Cup final holders. 1-0 at Wembley to asked to be placed on the



The end of the road: Harvey, who yesterday became the League's first managerial casualty of the season

bassador of fair play

By DAVID MILLER

GARY Lineker last night received, on behalf of the England World Cup team, the Stanley Matthews Fair Play Trophy, presented by the Duke of Edinburgh at the annual dinner of the British Sports Trust and sponsored by Umbro. In the contemporary world of expedient professionalism, few players more unfailingly represent old stan-dards of sportsmanship than Lineker does.

More so even than Matthews in his prime - which lasted, many would say, all of his 33 years as a professional -Lineker is unceremoniously whacked from every angle and height in almost every match. This is the price of being one of the world's foremost goalscorers. I have never seen him retaliate.

"If we're going to continue play," Lineker said last night, "and improve the public's impression of us, that we're not so hadly behaved, we can't afford what happened the other week [at Old Trafford]." claimed that the whole of the England team is as innocent as a lamb in its tackling, in what

By JOHN GOODBODY

Bob Scott, the chairman of

the Manchester committee.

said that although the city

only got 11 votes in the first

round and five in the second.

the feeling was that they would try again. "We have not yet

had a formal committee meet-

ing but the local authority is

It would be helpful, if the

BOA is to support a candidate.

that this is done by June 1991

when the International Olym-

pic Committee (IOC) holds a

session in Birmingham. Next

June would be an ideal

opportunity for all the mem-bers of the IOC to see the

However, this is a tight

schedule. It will only be next

proposed facilities.

BOA owes Manchester great month when the BOA general

unanimous in support."

thanks for fulfilling its role so purposes committee will begin

recognised by all observers. The third-place match against Italy was as fine an example of the sport as the first-place match was a disgrace.

"It took the World Cup to demonstrate we're a pretty fair lot," Lineker says. "You get occasional silly incidents here that you can't condone at all, that nobody likes, but the eame's better off here than it is abroad, I think.

"Players do try to do the right thing, and when you get an incident allegedly involving 20 players, in fact half of them are trying to calm the emotions of those who have momentarily lost control. Yes, of course, we must stamp it

There was a breed of manbones. But bruises soon rub ager in the Sixties, during which English football became who preached to their players that they must hate to lose. It is a short step from hating to lose to hating; and that is soon reflected on the terraces. Lineker attempts to corner-kick philosophise on the position of the professional.

the referee. Lineker agrees. "It's all very well to say it's just a game," he says, "but referee," he says. "There are silly appeals, too many comis a muscular contact sport, its that can sometimes be diffibehaviour in Italy last sum- cult to remember out on the plaints to the referee. A lot of

discussing even whether to

attempt to hold the Games

and, if so, in what year. However, the final decision on

even whether to support a

candidate is unlikely to be

whether the BOA thinks

Manchester can get the Games. If the BOA decided on

London then I would support

that, However, I am hoping to

persuade the association not

to make that decision." He

said that the key feature of any

attempt would be to get some

building of the main stadium

The IOC will vote on the

venue for the 2000 Games in September 1993. Peking Paris,

Berlin and Melbourne are all

Scott said: "The question is

made until April.

on the way.

mer was a credit to the country pitch. The game is big busi- the time it's frustration, and to itself, and this was ness. But I don't think English you've just lost the ball. We players deliberately cheat, are all under great pressure, There is a better mood than and often that's the way it and often that's the way it shows."
Does Lineker "dive"? There when I first came into the first division - if someone's inare those who say that, since jured, the opposition will kick the ball into touch, and the

he came back from Spain, he is more than before hoping other side will then throw the ball back to them. That's unreasonably for the referee's whistle. He denies it.
Instinctively, you always In the days of George Best at his matchless peak, there was a first division trainer who used to sit on the bench beside

try to stay on your feet", he says, "especially if you're going at goal, If you've got your back to goal and you're whacked from behind, that's different. Your control of the ball is more seriously affected. you'll probably lose it. But if you've already got the ball, you're more dangerous stand-

My own view would be that referees still give attacking players with their back to goal too little protection from the tackle that goes through the

violence in some of the World we feel sure that people will Cup qualifying games was take great pride and obtain worse than it was in Italy, and much satisfaction from that the most frustrating thing becoming a shareholder in this is man-for-man markers trying to stop opponents making a run by holding their shirt or arm. It does not stop him the United board, said: "In smiling, however, and continuing to be one of the most up control, if the public re-

FA Cup deal is labelled a stunt

By LOUISE TAYLOR

A SUGGESTION from Abby Dharamsey, the owner of Santana Pools, that his company was poised to make a £9 million offer to sponsor the FA Cup, was dismissed as a "publicity stunt" by the Football Association (FA)

David Bloomfield, the FA's press officer, said: "We have had no contact with Santana Pools, although with do have a meeting scheduled for later in the week, so they can ask about the possibility of using FA Cup matches on their coupons. This is a publicity Dharamsey, whose two-

week old company - run from

an estate agent's office - was examined by accountants from Westminster Council after a flood of entries, said he will make his bid tomorrow. "I will offer the FA £9 million on the spot for two years' sponsorship, if they agree to change the name of the cup to the Santana Cup." Local authorities have agreed that Littlehampton can play their FA Cup tie with Northampton on November 17 at their home ground, which holds only 3,000.

The decision about the allticket game was taken yesterday after a meeting between the local police, council and

Newcastle launch share offer

NEWCASTLE United yesterday launched a share issue that they hope could raise £8 million. (a Special Correspondent writes). Supporters are being offered eight million shares in an attempt to raise finance for team building and the redevelopment of St James' Park.

The share issue could also put control of the club into the hands of supporters. But with Christmas approaching and United in the middle of a poor run of results, there remains a question mark over how many supporters will be prepared to pay the minimum investment of £100.

The club chairman, Gordon McKeag, said yesterday: Buying the shares probable Lineker's opinion is that won't make anybody rich, but famous club."

> John Hall, who led the rebel Magpie Group and is now on theory, the board have given

European League ruled out MILAN (AP) - Joseph Blat- would not go to the stadiums. and teams with fewer players ter, the secretary-general of Football needs supporters — were intended to improve Fifa, has ruled out the formanear the playing ground, also scoring chances and make the European Super League for football. He said dies." Blatter also said that the main aim of Fifa, football's which produced several dull

that the idea, suggested by the presidents of AC Milan and Real Madrid, was a non-"Such a super league would

mean the death of national view with the Italian sports and improve the show." weekly, Guerm Sportivo, said.

ruling body, is to have more goals scored. "We have a precise idea in mind that will make the work of defences leagues." Blatter, in an inter- more difficult, help offence

He added that recent "With the super tour- suggestions to change some submitted for approval to the nament on television, fans rules - including wider goals international board in Belfast

He also blamed coaches for the overly defensive tactics games during the World Cup. including the final between Germany and Argentina. Any rule changes will be

discussed at a Fifa meeting on December 13, and possibly

THE Princess Royal yesterday

praised Manchester's un-successful bid to stage the

1996 Olympic Games, saying

that she was proud to be a

Her words will encourage

the British Olympic Associ-

ation (BOA), of which the Princess is president, to sup-

port an attempt by

the event in the year 2000.

Manchester or London to hold

The Princess said: "The

Manchester bid was very

successful. I think it did great

credit to Manchester. Eveyone

behaved in an exemplary

manner. I was relieved I was

not involved with other bid-

She said that Manchester's

reaction was "positive and not negative. It understood the

value of the bid itself. The

member of the delegation.

Although it could not be

Praise for Olympic bid Welsh stadium needs further work on safety

becoming standard."

the manager, hollering at the

Lineker questions whether

"If I'm naive, forgive me,"

he says. "I get whacked,

defenders get in hard, early on,

to try to put you off your

game, but I've never thought

someone was out to break my

ing sights, as a spectator, is the

fact that too many players

appeal, simultaneously from

both sides, for almost every

throw-in, every goalkick/

heightening the burden upon

"I've great sympathy for the

decision,

that attitude still exists.

players: "Break his effing leg."

WELSH Rugby Union (WRU) officials have pledged to carry out any necessary safety work to ensure the match between the Barbarians and the Argentinians can go ahead in Cardiff on Novem-

Although the WRU has recently spent £1.25 million on improving safety at the National Stadium, it has been presented with a list of deficiencies. In a report from South

Glamorgan County Council's safety working party, the main areas of concern include light-

ing lack of communication and poor stewarding "We will comply with whatever provisions are de-manded." Denis Evans, the WRU secretary, said.

Jahangir vacates peak to Jansher

By COLIN McQUILLAN JAHANGIR Kahn's physical

breakdown in North America carlier this month has already translated into punishing pro-fessional form. On the new world ranking list issued today by the International Squash Players Association he has dropped to second place behind his Pakistani compatriate, Jansher Kahn, the world cham-

Beaten in the national league this week by Jansher, the man who led the world game almost without interruption since 1981 must now face the prospect of losing contact with the top ranking for ever.

Jahangir's drop follows his defeat in four tournaments since de will comply with whatprovisions are deled." Denis Evans, the
secretary, said.

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deleat in four tournaments since
his record ninth successive victory in the British Open last
April. He incurred zero points in
withdrawing from the US Open
and Canadian Open after losing
in the Stretch Challenge semifinal.

A late withdrawal from next month's world open in Touiouse will attract another zero rating and probably push him lower than second spot for the first time in a decade. Jansher. conversely, has won seven tour-naments and lost only once. The top European is Mark Maclean, of Scotland, at nine, a

ranking with earns him an invitation to the NSZ Masters in

Monte Carlo at the end at November in place of Harris, the British No. 1 who is lith on the new list. ISPA RAMKINGS: Leading 20: 1, Jamilier Kahn (Paik): 2, Jamangur Kahn (Paik): 3, C Robertson (Aus): 4, R Martin (Aus): 5, C Robertson (Aus): 4, R Martin (Aus): 5, C Robertson (Aus): 8, B Martin (Aus): 5, C Robertson (Aus): 10, R Eyles (Aus): 11, D Harms (Engl. 12, R Beeson (Sight): 13, R Roman (NZ): 14, S Boopur (Fint): 16, U H Kah (Paik): 16, C Walker (Engl.: 17, A Davies (Wales): 18, S Butt (Car): 19, P Kenyon (Engl; 20, F Johnson (Swe):

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IN THE planning stage, the New Zealand rugby union tour of France looked likely to be no more than another stepping stone in the smooth build-up of the world champions for the World Cup in Alex Wyllie, the coach of the All

Blacks, viewed the tour as an opportunity to develop a few young players for future campaigns, rebuild the morale of the side after the defeat in the third international against Australia, and give two of his best players, John Kirwan and Michael Jones - recently recovered from serious injury – a chance to recapture their match fitness.

Yet with only three of the eight matches left, those plans are in disarray. The apparently invincible All Blacks have already been beaten twice, and the first international against France is only three days On line to serve you away. That match takes place here in Nantes, the scene four years ago

CHRIS THAU on the allconquering rugby union machine that appears in danger of seizing up in France

of a famous defeat for the All Blacks by France. From that day in November 1986, until August this year, the All Blacks were unbeaten, surrendering their record to Australia but having already won the Beldisloe Cup series.

After the first defeat of the tour in Toulon, at the hands of an abrasive French Selection, the All Blacks looked vulnerable and ponderous. Each of the French teams they have met since has subjected the visitors to an onslaught, and a French Select XV inflicted the second defeat on the visitors in Bayonne on Tuesday.

These unexpected reverses raise the question of whether the All Blacks have reached the end of an era or whether they are just suffering from the short-term effects of losing players like Wayne Shelford, John Gallagher and John Schuster.

Shelford was discarded after the series against Scotland, when Wyllic felt that his fitness was below par. Gallagher, Schuster, Botica and Ridge joined rugby league clubs. It is believed that only the sudden call to international duty prevented the present No. 8, Zinzan Brooke, from following suit. The painful process of rebuilding

the side has been hampered by the slow recovery from injury of Kirwan and Jones. Both have played on the tour, but neither seems to have recaptured the edge that made them so effective during the last few

Following Shelford's sudden departure, Gary Whetton took over the captaincy, but experienced New Zealand hands have expressed doubts about his capacity to steer the boat out of troubled waters. And the man who might be able to, Mike Brewer, long tipped as a captain in waiting, is unable to command a regular place in the team. Wyllie has acknowledged that the

loss of several seasoned players has severely weakened his side, but he also blames the tour itinerary. "No country could afford to lose the players we have lost this year, Wyllie said. "Their experience and knowledge has been sorely missed. Additionally, it is very hard to develop a side under such terrible pressures. We knew that this tour was going to be very hard both off the field and on the field. However, it is like playing two Tests each week. The wear and tear process make it very hard."

Wyllie's predicament has been magnified by his stubborn refusal to accept a backs coach, as suggested by Shelford after his departure, a move that would bring the former Auckland coach, John Hart, back into the fold.

By refusing to share the load of coaching, Wyllie has taken on the whole responsibility for the performance of the team on tour. An attempt by the chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Football Union, Eddie Tonks, to mediate between Wyllie and Hart has reportedly ended in failure. And so the tour goes on. The

measure of Wyllie's anxiety may be gauged, perhaps, by the comparitively conservative selection he has made for the first international, standing by the players who have served him well in the past.

The strength of the French opposition apart, it is quite clear that the All Blacks have reached a turning point. By the end of the tour we will Know how sharp it is.

Know how sharp it is.

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